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Fahd holds talks with Schmidt



MEETING: Crown Prince Fahd and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in Bonn before they started talks Wednesday.

BONN, Oct. 28 (Agencies) — Crown Prince Fahd and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt held talks here Wednesday evening on bilateral relations, Middle East peace and other issues.

Prince Fahd stopped off in Bonn on his way from the North-South summit in Cancun Mexico, where German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher passed on Schmidt's invitation.

Middle East peace was discussed and Bonn has welcomed the Saudi Arabian eight-point peace plan as a positive contribution to the Middle East dialogue. Genscher said the plan, coupled with last year's European Economic Community Middle East declaration made in Venice, offered real possibilities for a solution to the conflict. During Schmidt's visit to the Kingdom earlier this year the Kingdom's government expressed interest in acquiring certain types of German arms including the Leopard-2 tanks and other systems. Schmidt said then that Germany was still observing a ten-year old ban

Talks open today

OPEC states foresee accord

GENEVA, Oct. 28 (R) — Several OPEC oil ministers said Wednesday they are optimistic that a meeting Thursday will secure a unified oil price on the basis of \$34 a barrel.

But after two abortive meetings earlier this year, delegates said privately it was not a foregone conclusion that the 13 members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) would end their wrangle over what to charge. Ministers are

refusing to make public details of the deal they are trying to reach under pressure from a world glut.

Delegates say it looks like a package to include a price rise of \$2 by Saudi Arabia, by far the biggest exporter, to a new OPEC benchmark or base of \$34 a barrel. A new ceiling for high grades would be set, possibly \$37-A majority which set prices higher than Saudi Arabia when the market was tight in 1979 would have to trim by one to three dollars, an unprecedented OPEC climbdown.

Saudi Arabia striving to reassert a moderate role in OPEC, have been refusing to make major cuts in its output of \$32 a barrel oil pending an OPEC realignment on their terms. As a buyer revolt has spread against militants asking up to \$40, such a deal has crept closer.

"The way is paved to reach the target — a unified price structure and to organize our production. One is linked with the other," said Oil Minister Tayeh Abdul-Karim of Iraq. Venezuela's Humberto Calderon Berti told reporters: "I am optimistic. There is a much better chance than last time."

At the last meeting in August, Iraq and Venezuela were the countries that held out against cutting their official prices from \$36 to \$34. Iraq has since made a unilateral two-dollar cut.

Calderon disclosed that this meeting has been called by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah of Kuwait who has led frantic mediation efforts since August. He met secretly in London last month with the Libyan minister, whose country has been a traditional OPEC pricing "hawk."

Delegates said there could still be a problem fixing a price ceiling for the top-quality grades of Libya and Algeria. They would ideally like a \$4 differential for a \$38 ceiling over a new floor of \$34. While they might settle for \$37, Nigeria, which exports similar oils, has been discounting so heavily to lure reluctant buyers that it is now operating a differential of only \$2.50.

Syrians hold off course French 747

PARIS, Oct. 28 (R) — Syrian fighter planes Wednesday forced a crowded Air France Boeing 747 airliner to land in Damascus after it strayed over restricted airspace, an Air France spokesman said. But he said Syrian authorities later agreed that the plane, with nearly 300 people aboard, could leave Damascus after taking on fuel.

"We think it's over," the spokesman said. "The Air France pilot told us the Syrians forced him to land after he accidentally crossed restricted space. They've told him he can continue after taking on fuel." The plane was later allowed to resume its journey after the pilot apologized for his mistake.

Sources at Damascus airport said the plane had taken off to continue its flight from Paris to Karachi.

"The (Syrian escort) pilots talked to the Boeing captain who said he made a mistake because of a technical failure in his guidance apparatus," the source said. He added that the plane was checked out after it landed in the Syrian capital and the pilot's story about an equipment malfunction was revealed to be true.

AWACS deal goes through

Jewish lobby loses 48 to 52

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, (Agencies) — The Senate Wednesday approved by a 52-48 vote the sale of advanced U.S. radar planes to Saudi Arabia, handing President Reagan his first major foreign policy victory in Congress.

Eight months of controversy over the sale which Israel views as a threat to its security, ended after a day of dramatic last-minute switches by previous opponents to give Reagan his triumph.

The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly against the \$8.5 billion deal two weeks ago, but the sale could have been blocked only if the Senate also rejected it.

President Reagan's victory was acclaimed by Republican Senators shortly after the final decision was announced, while Democratic opponents of the sale were very distressed. A White House spokesman told the Washington Bureau of Arab News that the decision was a definite turning point for Reagan in which he proved that he was running the United States and that the country's national interests could prevail over external ones.

The victory was seen as an indication of Reagan's strength in foreign policy areas and strong support for peace within the Middle East.

Reagan had lobbied hard for a week to win the Senate vote which killed a resolution to reject the sale.

What clinched the vote for the administration were the switches of four declared opponents — Republicans Slade Gorton, Mark Andrews and William Cohen, and Democrat Edward Zorinsky.

A packed Senate gallery watched in a hush as the clerk called the roll.

The vote was so close that it was not until near the end of the call that 50 senators, or half the chamber, had declared their support for the sale-enough to ensure its passage.

Among those supporting the sale of the five AWACS, was conservative Democrat Russell Long. His was the last undeclared vote when the Senate met eight hours before the

decision.

Republicans, who dominate the Senate, voted 41-12 against the resolution of disapproval. Democrats voted 36-11 for it.

Reagan's victory was a remarkable turnaround from only two days ago, when opponents claimed 53 "iron-clad" votes.

The president threw himself into the fray, meeting dozens of senators over the past few weeks. He paid particular attention to first-term Republicans elected with him last November.

He also sent a letter to the Senate earlier Wednesday assuring members that the U.S. would work to assure the AWACS planes were not used against Israel and that

AWACS secrets would not fall into hands of unfriendly countries. (See text of the letter).

Immediately after the vote, President Reagan summoned reporters into the Oval Office of the White House to express his pleasure over the vote.

"Because of actions like today's in the Senate, peace is on the way again," he said.

He said the approval of the AWACS sale not only strengthens Saudi-American relations, but will also protect our economic lifeline to the Middle East, win favor among moderate Arab States and most importantly, continue the difficult but steady progress toward peace and stability in the Middle East."

In Israel Begin's government scheduled a cabinet meeting Thursday to discuss the approval of the Saudi Arabian arms package by the U.S. Senate, a spokesman said late Wednesday.

The spokesman said there would be no official reaction until after the cabinet meeting, but army radio quoted political circles, usually a code for foreign ministry officials, as expressing "regret" at the vote.

Israel adopted a post of official indifference to the vote before it was taken, but a few hours before the arms package, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon warned that it presented "the greatest danger facing Israel."

Sharon said Israel understood "that the United States must supply arms to the Arabs — but why the most sophisticated weapons?"

Despite the low official profile, Israel radio broadcast the result live while Israel Army radio quickly shifted to analysing the vote. It was midnight in Israel.

"The vote showed that the Reagan administration had reached the limit of its ability to influence," said Dr. Avraham Ben-Zvi, a Tel Aviv University expert on U.S. affairs. "It used muscle and pressure in a possibly unprecedented intensive manner, and all that for an extremely thin victory."

He said Israel was now entitled to expect gestures from the administration. "One can expect the winner to make a gesture to the side (Israel) that fought well but lost, he told the Army radio. He suggested Washington could be more open in sharing its intelligence and satellite information with Israel, or give it

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Cuellar joins fray as vetoes block U.N. poll

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 28 (Agencies) — A third candidate entered the race for the post of U.N. secretary general Wednesday as the Security Council remained deadlocked between U.N. chief Kurt Waldheim of Austria and his challenger Salim A. Salim of Tanzania.

Peruvian U.N. Ambassador Javier Perez de Cuellar, 61, a 10-year United Nations veteran, said in a letter to Security Council Chairman Jaime De Pinies of Spain that he would run in the election if the stalemate was not resolved.

After failing for the second day to pick a new secretary general, the council will resume its deliberations Friday. The council remained deadlocked Wednesday in efforts to resolve the crisis after incumbent Kurt Waldheim and challenger Salim A. Salim were both vetoed, diplomats reported.

They said after two rounds of voting that Salim, the Tanzanian foreign minister, had also failed to obtain the required minimum of nine votes. The vetoes against Waldheim were believed to have been cast by China. Two vetoes against Salim Tuesday, before he slipped blow the required minimum, were understood to have been cast by the United States.

Waldheim received identical tallies of 11 in favor, four against and no abstentions in both of Wednesday's ballots, diplomats reported. In addition to the reported Chinese veto, the negative votes were tonight to have been that of Tunisia, Niger and Uganda, the African members.

Salim is the official candidate of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). He received eight affirmative votes in each round Wednesday, diplomats said. One negative vote and six abstentions were cast in the first round and two negative votes and five abstentions in the second round, they said.

China, which has often declared its wish for a secretary-general from the Third World was understood to have vetoed Waldheim throughout. He always had more than the required majority, although he was a vote behind Salim in the first round.

Waldheim's strength, part from the vetoes, caused some delegates to say Tuesday night that China would eventually let him through for an unprecedented third term. But U.S. representative Mrs. Kirkpatrick's remarks appeared to raise a new element. She said any new candidate should be able to state his case and governments should be permitted to give serious consideration to other candidates. "I think it is a terribly important decision to rush into," she said. "I would hate to see us rush to judgment, in fact, on the basis of inadequate consideration of other candidates."

Cuellar, a career diplomat with the reputation of a cautious but skillful negotiator, has long been mentioned as a possible contender in the event of an impasse.

He was Peru's ambassador to the U.N. from 1971 until 1975 and was chosen by Waldheim to join his cabinet as undersecretary general for special political affairs. He served as Waldheim's representative in Cyprus before undertaking the Afghanistan job as Waldheim's envoy.

The letter that changed their minds

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP) — Here is the text of the letter President Ronald Reagan sent Wednesday to Senator Howard Baker, Senate majority leader, to help build last-minute support for the AWACS sale.

Dear Sen. Baker:

On Oct. 1, 1981, I formally notified the Congress of my intention to sell AWACS aircraft and F-15 enhancement items to Saudi Arabia. This sale will enhance our vital national security interests by contributing directly to the stabilization and security of the critical area from the Gulf through the Middle East to north Africa. It will improve significantly the capability of Saudi Arabia and the United States to defend the oil fields and facilities on which the security of the free world depends, and it will pose no realistic threat to Israel.

When this proposed sale was first announced last spring, the Congress expressed concerns about certain aspects of the sale. After analyzing these concerns in detail, we entered into a series of discussions with the government of Saudi Arabia over the summer.

The government of Saudi Arabia has agreed, and I am convinced welcomes the fact, that the United States will have an important, long-term role and will maintain direct involvement in the development of the Saudi Arabian defense system, including the AWACS. We also have reached agreement with the Saudi Arabian government on a number of specific arrangements that go well beyond their firm agreement to abide fully by all the standard terms of the normal letter of offer and acceptance required by the Arms Export Control Act.

Transfer of the AWACS will take place only on terms and conditions consistent with the act and only after we have certified to the Congress in writing that the following conditions have been met:

1. Security of technology:
 - A. That a detailed plan for the security of equipment, technology, information, and supporting documentation has been agreed to by the United States and Saudi Arabia and is in place, and
 - B. The security provisions are no less stringent than measures employed by the U.S. for protection and control of its equipment of like in U.S. and outside the continental U.S., and
 - C. The U.S. has the right of on-site inspection and surveillance by U.S. personnel of air and ground security Arrangements for all equipment during the useful life of the AWACS. And
 - D. Saudi Arabia will not permit citizens of third nations to perform maintenance on the AWACS or to modify any such equipment without prior, explicit mutual consent of the two governments, and
 - E. Computer software as designated by the USG (U.S. government), will remain the property of the USG.
2. Access to information:
 - A. That Saudi Arabia has agreed to share with the U.S. the information that it acquires from use of the AWACS.
3. Control over third-country participation:
 - A. That Saudi Arabia has agreed not to share access to AWACS equipment, technology, documentation, or any information developed from such equipment or technology with any nation other than the U.S. without the prior, explicit mutual consent of both governments.
 - B. That only cleared Saudi Arabian Citizens and cleared U.S. nationals will have access to AWACS equipment, technology or documentation, or information derived therefrom, without the prior, explicit mutual consent of the two governments.
4. AWACS flight operations:
 - A. That the Saudi Arabian AWACS will be operated solely within the boundaries of Saudi Arabia, except with the prior, explicit mutual consent of the two governments.
5. Regional peace and security:
 - A. That the sale contributes directly to the stability and security of the area, enhances the atmosphere and prospects for progress toward peace and that initiatives toward the peaceful resolution of disputes in the region have either been successfully completed or that significant progress toward that goal has been accomplished with the substantial assistance of Saudi Arabia.

The agreements we have reached with Saudi Arabia on security of technology, access to information control over third-country participation, and AWACS flight operations will be incorporated into the U.S.-Saudi general security of military information agreement, the letters of offer and acceptance (the government-to-government sales contracts), and related documents. These documents will stipulate that the sale will be cancelled and that no equipment or services will be delivered in the event any of the agreements is breached. I will not authorize U.S. approval of any of these contracts and agreements until I am satisfied that they incorporate fully the provisions that satisfy the concerns that you and I share. I do not foresee the need for changes in these arrangements, but should circumstances arise that might require such changes, they would be made only with congressional participation.

I believe it is important to look beyond these elements to their practical consequences, and to the implications of U.S. security assistance and training requested by Saudi Arabia. For example, the agreement we reached with the Saudi Arabian government to protect the security of equipment also affects the nature, extent and duration of the U.S. role in the AWACS program. U.S. military and contractor personnel will be required to provide extensive operational training for Saudi AWACS aircrews.

The Saudi agreement not to share AWACS-gathered information with third countries also has significant practical consequences. This agreement, combined with the standard requirement that U.S.-supplied equipment be used solely for defensive purposes, precludes any possibility that Saudi Arabian AWACS could contribute to coordinated operations with other countries' armed forces against any nation in the region without our consent and cooperation.

Concerning the agreement to operate AWACS only inside the Kingdom, it should also be noted that the Saudi Arabian Air Force will be trained to operate the AWACS in accordance with standard USAF AWACS doctrine and procedures, which call for AWACS to remain at all times a "safe distance" behind sensitive political borders.

In a broader sense, by enhancing the perception of the United States as a reliable security partner, we improve the prospects for closer cooperation between ourselves and the Saudi Arabian government in working toward our common goal of a just and lasting peace in the region. Since assuming the responsibilities of the presidency, I have been impressed by the increasingly constructive policy of Saudi Arabia in advancing the prospects for peace and stability in the Middle East.

The Saudi Arabian government's critical contribution to securing a ceasefire in Lebanon is a striking example. I am persuaded that this growing Saudi Arabian influence is vital to the eventual settlement of the differences that continue to divide Israel and most of the Arab world.

I am confident that the Saudi Arabian AWACS will pose no realistic threat to Israel. I remain fully committed to protecting Israel's security and to preserving Israel's ability to defend against any combination of potentially hostile forces in the region. We will continue to make available to Israel the military equipment it requires to defend its land and people, with the consideration to the presence of AWACS in Saudi Arabia. We have also embarked on a program of closer security cooperation with Israel. This proposed sale to Saudi Arabia neither casts doubt on our commitment nor compromises Israel's security.

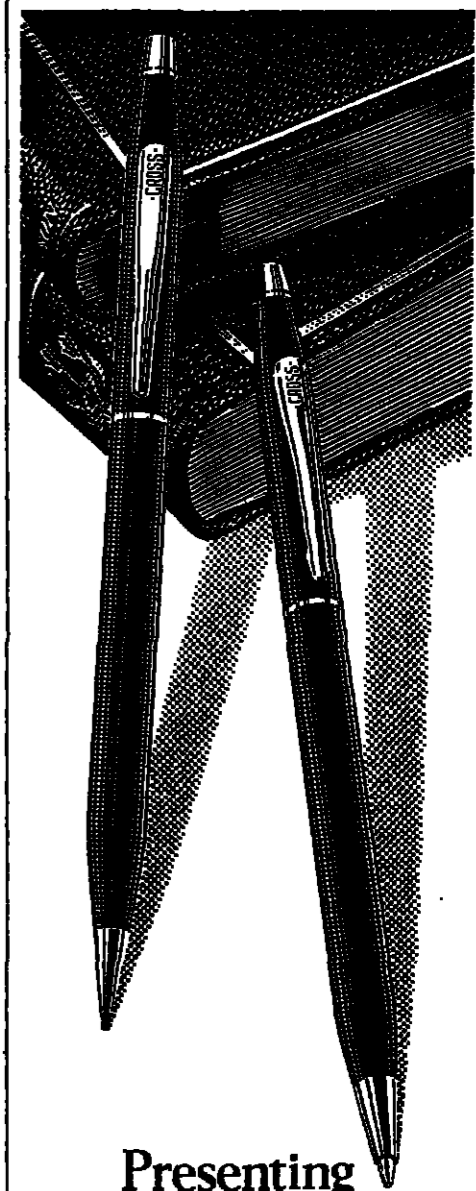
It is my view that the agreements we have reached with the government of Saudi Arabia take account of the concerns raised by the Congress. I am persuaded, as I believe the Congress will be, that the proposed Saudi Arabian air defense enhancement package makes an invaluable contribution to the national security interests of the United States, by improving both our strategic posture and the prospects for peace in the Middle East. I look forward to continuing to work with you toward these vital goals.

Sincerely,
Ronald Reagan.

The defense package

The defense package according to U.S. Air Force figures:

Equipment	Total cost	Quantity
AWACS:	\$5.8 billion	5
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KC-707 Tankers:	\$2.4 billion	8 (6-8)
AIM-9L Sidewinder:	\$200 million	1,177



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U.S. group in Riyadh

RIYADH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah received Wednesday the delegation of U.S. businessmen and media, currently visiting the country. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwajri, assistant deputy commander of the National Guard.

Earlier, the American delegation was met by Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi who discussed the various aspects of the industrial development in the Kingdom.

The minister said after the meeting that he explained to the U.S. delegation the basic principles of the Kingdom's industrial policy.

After discussing medical services British minister ends visit

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 28 — Dr. Gerald Vaughan, Britain's health minister, Wednesday concluded a visit to the Kingdom as guest of Maj. Gen. Rida Khalifa, director of the medical services department of the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, the British Embassy reported. During his visit, Dr. Vaughan also was received by Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi, Riyadh University, President Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, Assistant Deputy Commander of the National Guard Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwajri and Brig. Gen. Muhammad Al Ammary.

Dr. Vaughan was accompanied by an official delegation led by James Collier, deputy secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security. The visit began on Sunday, Oct. 25.

On Monday, Dr. Vaughan visited the Ministry of Health for talks with Dr. Jazairi and senior officials. The two sides discussed the extensive hospital construction program now under way in the Kingdom and the possibility for extending the existing co-operation between Britain and Saudi Arabia in the provision of health care services and equipment.

British doctors, medical experts, contractors, pharmaceutical manufacturers and equipment suppliers are well-known in the Kingdom and are eager to expand their contribution to development, the doctor told officials here.

Dr. Vaughan also told the Riyadh University president and dean of the university's Faculty of Medicine that a further area of potential cooperation in the field of medicine between the two countries lies in the fostering of academic links, notably the provision of training facilities, the exchange of experts and technicians and the creation of joint study programs.

On Tuesday, the official gave a key-note speech at a seminar on primary health care, which was held at the Al-Kharj Hospital in Riyadh under the auspices of the minister of defense and aviation. Among those attending the seminar was the president of the Royal College of Physicians, London, of which Dr. Vaughan is a member.

Later in the day, Dr. Vaughan had discussions with Maj. Gen. Khalifa, Brig. Gen. Al Ammary and senior officials of the medical service department of the Ministry of Defense and Aviation. The discussions focused on the possibilities for further British assistance in the remarkable development of the medical services offered by the ministry.

The British government recently concluded an agreement with the Saudi Arabian National Guard to operate and maintain the new National Guard hospital in Jeddah. During his stay in Riyadh, Dr. Vaughan met senior executives of the International Hospitals Group, the British firm that has been contracted to implement the agreement.

Australia, Sweden sign pact for Riyadh diplomatic quarter

RIYADH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — The Australian and Swedish governments signed contracts Wednesday to lease land plots for their embassies in the proposed diplomatic quarters here. The contracts, under which the plots will be leased for a period of 99 years, were signed by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, who is the chairman of the Foreign Ministry and Embassies Transfer Committee.

On behalf of their governments, Australian Ambassador Douglas Sturkey and Swedish Ambassador Frederik Bersens-

SIDF okays SR90m in projects

RIYADH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — The board of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund approved seven new industrial projects totaling SR90,372,000. The group met Tuesday evening with Sheikh Hamad Saudi Al-Sudairi, deputy governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency and chairman of the board.

The projects, recommended by the fund's director general Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Al-Naim, will be set up in Riyadh, Jeddah, and Dammam. They concern dairy products,

Harakan meets with Miswari

MAKKAH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan received a delegation of Philippine Muslims led by Nour Miswari, leader of the Moro Liberation Front. The Wednesday meeting was attended by MWL Assistant Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Safwat Al-Saqqa.

During the meeting, Miswari presented a report on the condition of Muslims in the Philippines. He urged further support and aid for the five million Muslims suffering from various problems in the Philippines. Miswari commended the league's efforts in defending the right of Islamic minorities.

After the meeting, Sheikh Harakan stressed the league's concern for all Islamic issues,

especially those of Muslim minorities, in order to secure their full legal rights through constructive dialogue and political moves in which the Organization of the Islamic Conference should participate.

illuminated sign boards, printing on silk, zincograph, the packing of raw tea, isolation panels, pipes and perforation units.

Board members attending the meeting comprised Dr. Fuad Abdul Salam Al-Faresi, undersecretary for industry and electricity in charge of industrial affairs; Planning Secretary Dr. Faisal Al-Bashir; Commerce Secretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamei; and Acting Finance and National Economy Undersecretary Sheikh Said ibn Saad ibn Saad.

After meeting the teaching staff, Dr. Turki said that the center's programs were being recast and that the criteria for joining the center will be modified. He urged the teaching staff to redouble their efforts in fulfilling the center's objectives.

Naif returns from Tunisia

JEDDAH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif returned here Wednesday from Tunis where he attended the Arab League ministerial council meetings that dealt with amending the league's charter.

Prince Naif was welcomed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad, Jeddah Commissioner Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, Western Region Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, Tunisian Ambassador to the Kingdom Kacem Bousnina and other senior civil and military officials.

University stresses importance of Dawa

RIYADH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — Dr. Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, rector of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, affirmed here Tuesday evening that the university attaches great importance to the World Center for Islamic Dawa (Invitation to Join Islam) and will take the necessary steps to set it on the right track.

After meeting the teaching staff, Dr. Turki said that the center's programs were being recast and that the criteria for joining the center will be modified. He urged the teaching staff to redouble their efforts in fulfilling the center's objectives.



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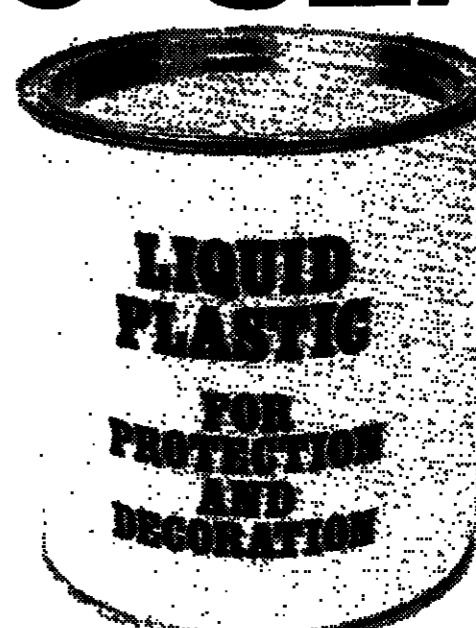
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By Tunisia, Kuwait

Islamic shipping body's statute signed

By Ahmed Shaaban
 JEDDAH, Oct. 28 — Tunisia and Kuwait Wednesday signed the statute of the Islamic Shipowners Association at the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Ambassadors Kacem Bousnina of Tunisia and Saud Al-Asimi of Kuwait signed the statute under the auspices of Habib Chatti, the OIC secretary general.

The statute will take effect as soon as signed by ten OIC member states. It already has the signature of Sudan and Iraq and a \$1 million contribution from Saudi Arabia which will also offer the association headquarters in Jeddah.

As conceived by Saudi Arabia when it mooted the idea during a shipping experts meeting in Karachi in September 1980, the association aims at coordinating and unifying the efforts of OIC members in promoting maritime transport through cooperation among both public and private sector maritime companies. Its ultimate objective is the optimum utilization of the potentials of Islamic countries' maritime companies fleets.

The association will also protect the interests of its members by providing sound counsel and creating an integrated maritime network that will let these companies wield greater voice in international maritime affairs. It will encourage members to establish conference lines among member states and set up joint Islamic maritime companies. It will organize maritime meetings among

member states and establish procedures to ensure transport quotas to the members according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's code of conduct. At the same time it will keep in view the existing conference arrangements of the member states.

Interior ministry bans firecrackers

RIYADH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — The Interior Ministry Wednesday reconfirmed a ban on the import, sale and use of all firecrackers for children, which have already led to "unfortunate incidents."

In a statement, the ministry urged all traders, citizens and residents to observe the order, and warned that anyone found possessing such materials of any kind will be liable to fine, imprisonment and confiscation of the goods.

Majed calls for Islamic unity on new year's eve

JEDDAH, Oct. 28 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed has urged Muslims everywhere to hold fast to the injunctions of the divine faith, so they are able to restore the nation's past glory.

In a statement published in *Al Bilad* Wednesday to mark the advent of the Islamic new year, the governor said it is binding on the Islamic nation to cast away its differences and to tackle its problems in such a way as to be able to restore the Islamic unity. He expressed the confidence that the Islamic nation would become an element of peace and stability in the world if it attains its unity and solidarity.

On the other hand, Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), told *Al Bilad* that Muslims have incurred heavy losses for want of the strength of character. He said that the Islamic nation can rebuild itself only if it returns to its sublime faith.

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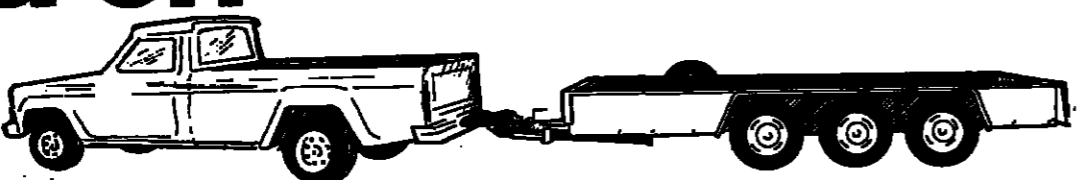
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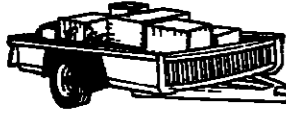


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To discuss Musavi's nomination

Iranian parliament holds secret session

BEIRUT, Oct. 28 (AP) — The Iranian parliament met behind closed doors Wednesday to discuss the nomination of Foreign Minister Mir Hossein Musavi for the post of prime minister as government firing squads executed 28 leftist opponents of Ayatollah Khomeini's regime, officials in Tehran said.

There was no clue as to how parliament would vote on Musavi's nomination when deputies wound up their secret debate. The vote of confidence is scheduled in an open session Thursday.

39-year-old Musavi, a hardliner from the ruling Islamic Republican Party, Tuesday following parliament's rejection of U.S.-trained pediatrician Ali-Akbar Velayati last Thursday.

Velayati was Khomeini's first choice for the premiership to replace outgoing Prime Minister Ayatollah Muhammad-Reza Kani, who resigned after Khomeini was sworn in on Oct. 13 as Iran's third elected president since the downfall of the Shah in February 1979.

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Qaddafi assails Hosni Mubarak

BONN, Oct. 28 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi said in an interview published Tuesday that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would suffer the same fate as assassinated President Anwar Sadat. Qaddafi also told the West German weekly magazine Stern that he would destroy any U.S. Advanced Warning Aircraft (AWACS) which came within missile range while photographing Libyan territory. The U.S. sent two AWACS to Egypt after Sadat's death.

Qaddafi said if the Americans were to attack us, we would naturally defend ourselves. If it leads to a third world war, it would not be our fault, but of the Americans," he added.

Asked whether he felt insecure because U.S. AWACS had been sent to Egypt for joint maneuvers, Qaddafi said Libya would on no account permit the AWACS to photograph Libyan territory.

He added: "Should they do this and come within the zone of our rockets, we will not hesitate about using these."

China says U.S. attitude to PLO is illogical

PEKING, Oct. 28 (R) — China said Wednesday it was illogical for President Reagan to demand recognition of Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a precondition for any American dialogue with the PLO. The official New China News Agency said in a signed commentary that events in the Middle East over the past nine months had proved that a strategy to contain Soviet expansion there without solving the Palestinian question was impractical.

BRIEFS

CANBERRA, (Agencies) — Australia and New Zealand have decided to join the Sinai peacekeeping force. While the New Zealand cabinet Tuesday agreed in principle to join the Sinai unit but left the final decision to a cabinet subcommittee, the Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser told parliament Wednesday that would join the force. He welcomed reports that Britain, France, the Netherlands and Italy would join the force.

BEIRUT, (R) — An Iranian delegation discussed Beirut-Tehran relations and Iran's view of the current Middle East situation with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butrus Wednesday, state-run Beirut radio reported.

TEL AVIV, (R) — An Israeli military court has sentenced 20 Arabs to prison terms ranging from six months to 10 years on alleged security charges, Israel radio said Wednesday.

ROME, (R) — Italian authorities have reopened inquiries into the disappearance of Imam Mouss Sadr, a leader of Lebanon, who vanished without trace on a trip from Tripoli, Libya, to Rome in 1978.

CIA mail box used in Libya recruitment

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (A) — A post office box rented by the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington was used to recruit Americans to train soldiers for Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, ABC news reported Tuesday.

One potential recruit told another potential recruit that the training operation was under the control of the CIA and to send his resume to a Washington post office box, ABC said. The box turned out to be used by the CIA's personnel office, ABC said. The network based its report on "letters and other documents" without elaborating on its source. The two potential recruits were killed while fighting in Nicaragua.

Two former CIA operatives, Frank Terpil and Edwin Wilson, are charged with illegal supplying Libya with explosive devices and terrorist training. However, the CIA has denied any involvement in a Libyan recruiting and training operation.

Hussein meets Thatcher

LONDON, Oct. 28 (AFP) — King Hussein of Jordan met with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington Wednesday during a brief private visit here on his way to Washington.

The talks concerned the Middle East situation, particularly the eight-point Saudi Arabian plan for a peace settlement in the region, proposed European participation in the international peacekeeping force in the Sinai, and resumption of European-Arab talks.

Lord Carrington is to visit Riyadh Nov. 3 to 5 for detailed discussions of the peace plan with Crown Prince Fahd.

Afghanistan accused of provoking Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Oct. 28 (R) — Pakistan's President Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq said Wednesday that the Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan appeared to be provoking his country with a series of frontier incidents and air space violations.

Zia said Pakistan was concerned and he warned Afghanistan and other countries against treating Pakistan "whimsically."

In a speech to tribesmen who live along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, President Zia said he was conscious of the danger to Pakistan from developments in Afghanistan and said steps were being taken to protect Pakistan's national security. Over the past two months, Pakistan has charged Afghanistan with at least five major frontier incidents.

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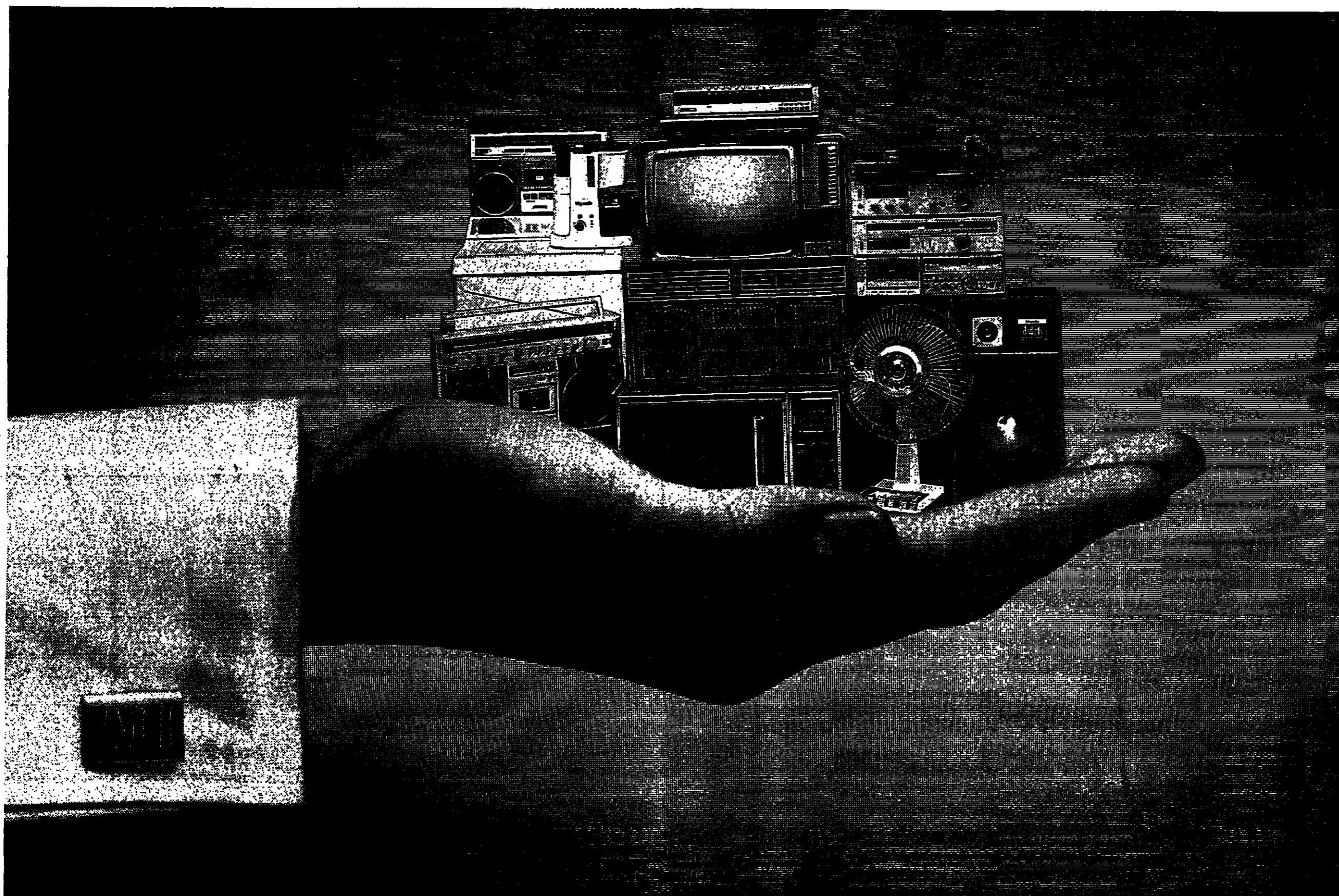
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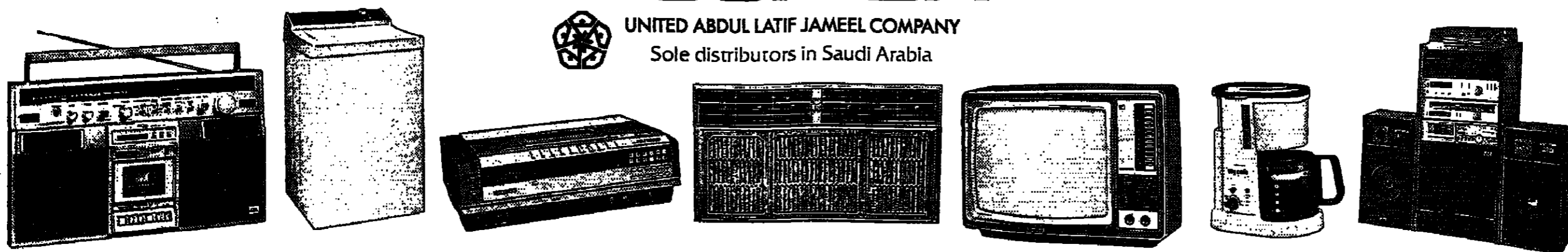


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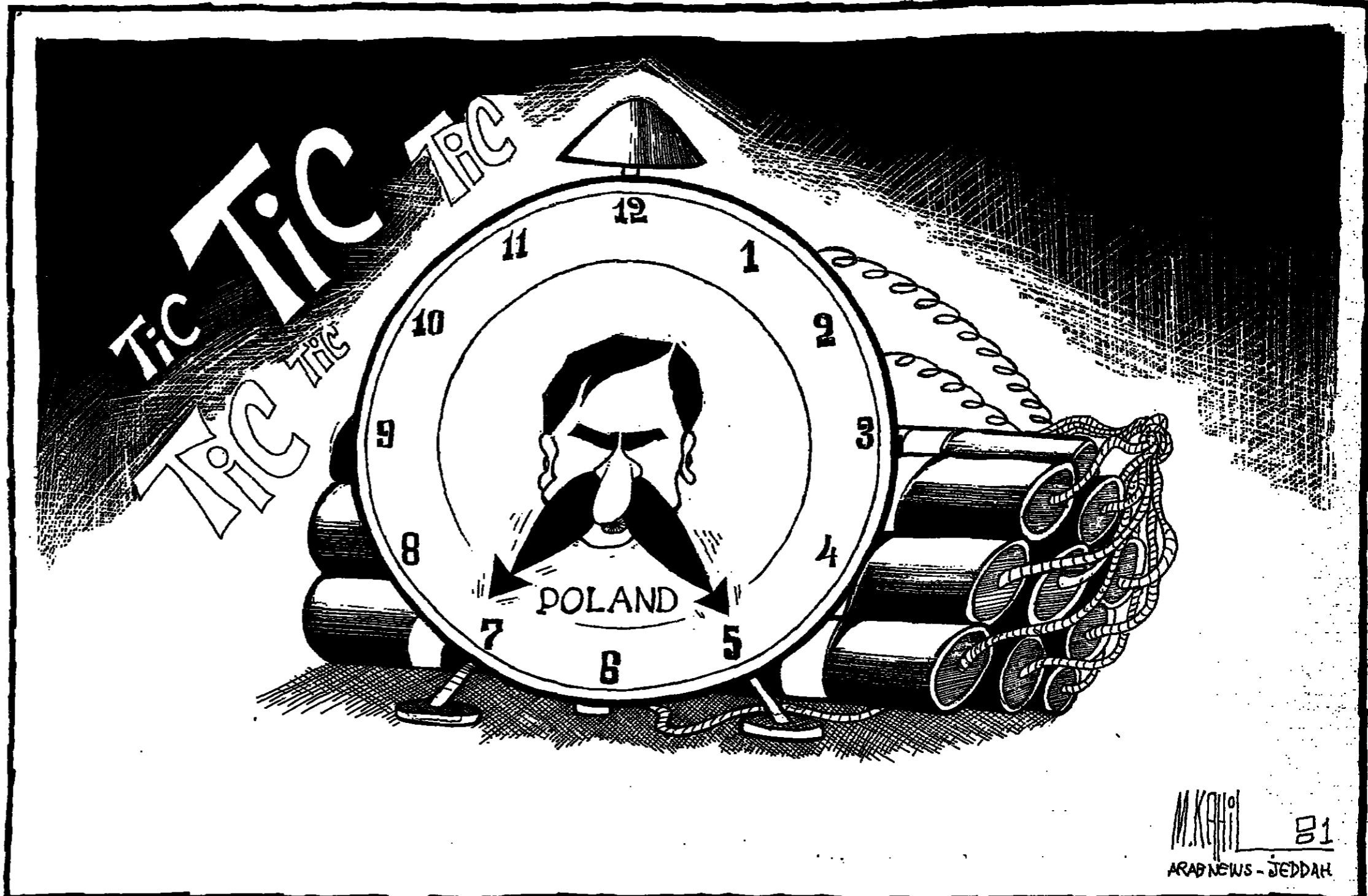
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Thousands of POWs killed in Japanese germ warfare tests

By Joyce Egginton

NEW YORK — Thousands of prisoners-of-war died agonizing deaths as guinea-pigs in Japanese germ warfare research but the killers were never brought to justice. Instead they were given protection by the United States Department of War.

According to long-secret documents which have just been made public here, Japanese army officers who were responsible for the experiments were promised immunity from prosecution in return for giving U.S. military authorities exclusive possession of Japan's expertise in biological warfare.

Extreme precautions were taken to keep any evidence of Japan's germ warfare technology — which was then far ahead of any other nation's — out of the Tokyo war crimes trials, lest it fall into the hands of the Soviets. Most of the germ warfare guinea pigs were Chinese but some were "Anglo-Saxon."

Disclosure of this shocking episode is the result of four years of research by an American writer John W. Powell, who, after suspecting it for more than 30 years, was eventually able to obtain classified documents from World War II under the post-Watergate Freedom of Information Act.

In a fully documented report, published in the current issue of the prestigious *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, Powell states that 3,000 POWs (a conservative estimate) died as a result of germ warfare experiments at "Unit 731", Japan's largest biological warfare laboratory, which was a few miles outside Harbin in Manchuria. Powell's research revealed that the Japanese also ran experimental stations in Nanking, Peking, and central and southern China, as well as two in Japan, all performing human experiments.

Fragmentary knowledge about these facilities has existed over the past decade as the result of postwar revelations by some of the Japanese involved. The startling new facts which Powell has uncovered are that experiments were carried out on American prisoners, all of whom were apparently killed in the process, and that American military authorities took a calculated decision to protect the perpetrators.

Although most victims seem to have been Chinese prisoners, the Japanese use of Americans stemmed — according to one document — from their interest in studying "the immunity of Anglo-Saxons to infectious diseases."

The phrase "Anglo-Saxons" is not normally used to white Americans since these include other ethnic groups. It has led Powell to speculate that British prisoners of war under the Japanese, some of whom were held in Manchuria, may also have been among the guinea pigs.

The experiments involved giving prisoners massive doses of lethal diseases, including bubonic plague, typhus, anthrax, smallpox, gas gangrene and cholera, with some being slaughtered at various stages of illness so that Japanese researchers could check on the progress of the disease.

The man who led the project, according to the U.S. documents, was a Japanese army surgeon, Lt-Gen. Ishii Shiro, who died not long ago in old age, never having been prosecuted.

Shortly after Japan's invasion of Manchuria in 1931 he persuaded his superiors that microbes could be developed as a cheap offensive weapon, capable of producing enormous casualties. Ishii was encouraged to build Unit 731, which Powell describes as a "large self-contained installation with sophisticated germ and insect-breeding facilities, a prison for the human experiments, testing grounds, an arsenal for making germ bombs, an airfield, its own special planes and a crematorium for the human victims."

All this was hurriedly dismantled in the last days of World War II as Soviet tanks crossed the Siberian-Manchurian border shortly before the Japanese surrender. After killing and cremating the remaining prisoners, most of the Japanese staff escaped through South Korea, taking with them the laboratory records of many years of experiments.

This was the basis of material which Gen. Ishii traded to the U.S. military authorities in 1947. A top-secret cable sent to the War Department in Washington from the U.S. military headquarters in Tokyo promised that a guarantee of immunity from war crimes prosecutions "will result in exploiting 20 years experience of the director, former Gen. Ishii, who can assure complete cooperation of his former subordinates."

Two U.S. Army doctors visited Tokyo to check Ishii's information. From the documents obtained by Powell they appear to have been overwhelmed by the extent of Japanese germ warfare research and urged their superiors to go ahead with the deal with Ishii. They argued that "such information could not be obtained in our laboratories because of scruples attached to human experimentation."

Powell commented: "I found that phrase particularly chilling." Powell also uncovered a State Department memorandum which stated: "The value to the U.S. of Japanese biological weapons data is of such importance to national security as to far outweigh the value accruing from war crimes prosecutions."

In his article, Powell states: "It is perhaps not surprising that it has taken so long for the full story to be revealed. Over the years fragments have occasionally leaked out, but each time they were met with denials, initially by the Japanese and later by the United States."

Uncovering the story was a personal mission for him. For many years he lived in Shanghai where he edited the *China Weekly Review*, a left-wing English language journal established by his father. It went out of business during the revolution and Powell returned to the U.S. in 1953 only to become target

of an investigation by Senator McCarthy's Un-American Activities Committee.

Powell was charged with sedition, stemming from his editorial opposition to American involvement in the Korean war and from his reports about the development of Japanese germ warfare against the Chinese. The charges were eventually dismissed but years later, with the passage of the Freedom of Information Act, Powell was still determined to clear his name. He now lives in San Francisco.

Upon receiving his report *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* employed a number of distinguished scientists and historians to verify it. An editorial comment which precedes the article states: "When this story first reached, the *Bulletin*, our reaction was horrified disbelief. All of us hoped it was not true. Unfortunately, subsequent research shows that it is all too true."

Powell's report is followed by a comment from Bert Roling of the Netherlands who was a judge at the Tokyo war crimes trials. Confirming that there was no mention there of Japanese germ warfare experiments, he states: "It was kept secret from the world. The immunity granted to Japanese war criminals covered not only deadly research on living persons, but also the use of biological weapons against the Chinese. And all this so that the United States could obtain exclusive access to the information, gained at the cost of thousands of human lives."

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Questioned about Powell's report, which was published by the *Bulletin* earlier this month, a U.S. Defense Department spokesman said he had not seen it and did not know of any colleagues who had done so. He doubted that his department would have anything to say about an event so long passed. "You can say that we have no comment at this time," he added.

Even more surprising is the failure of U.S. newspapers to report on John Powell's research. Ruth Adams, editor of *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, said she knew of only one American TV network news program which had mentioned it. However, a Washington correspondent of the Japanese newspaper *Asahi Shimbun*, with a national circulation of 7.5 million, reported on it at length and his story has excited much comment in Japan.

At Harvard University, Dr. Matthew Meselson, professor of Biochemistry and one of the experts who reviewed Powell's article, commented: "It rings completely true but in my opinion what the U.S. gained from the deal with the Japanese was worthless information because there is no practical way that it could have been converted into the kind of weapons Americans could have used." — (ONS)

REAGAN'S TRIUMPH

The approval of the sale of AWACS planes and related equipment to Saudi Arabia was a historic event which will long be remembered and written about in textbooks. The passage of the sale by a 52 to 48 margin was a hard-fought battle which was won due to the lengthy debate and fact-finding which clearly established the Kingdom as a stalwart friend of the United States. The decision opens the way for many other avenues of cooperation between these two nations and establishes the strength of the bonds which link these two long-standing friends.

With debate about the package continuing in the Senate right up to the final vote late last night, even supporters of the proposal experienced exhilaration and surprise when it was approved. When the motion to deny the sale was defeated, it also had the very positive effect of showing many people that even the all-out effort by Israeli leader Menahem Begin and a strong opposition by the Israeli lobby could be defeated. It was a real surprise to find that, indeed, when the chips are down and when a lot more is at stake than the \$8.5 billion sale, the often-biased U.S. foreign policy can be swayed in favor of commitments and friends when the vote could have meant a grave loss in trust.

President Reagan, of course, has his own victory to celebrate, and should be congratulated on waging a relentless battle right up to the final days before the vote when his efforts were even redoubled. At the same time Reagan was able to get across an invaluable point which will make him a practically invincible leader when it comes to other foreign policy issues: that U.S. interests must at all times take priority over Israeli concerns. The debate itself and the constant Israeli interference in American politics made their position in previous American decisions obvious to even the most naive citizen and hopefully dealt a blow to their strong lobby from which it will be hard for it to recover.

The United States, with the affirmation of the AWACS deal, was able to prove to Saudi Arabia and other Middle East observers that, indeed, Reagan is in charge of U.S. policy in the Middle East. Hopefully the stronger bonds between the United States and Saudi Arabia will next initiate a united effort to solve the other problems of the area using Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point plan as the basis for discussion and as one recent observer said, so that by the time the AWACS are delivered the rest of the conflicts within the Middle East would have been solved.

Saudi Arabian press review

The worldwide attention given to the Kingdom's Middle East peace plan presented by Crown Prince Fahd and the preparations underway prior to its endorsement as a unified plan at the upcoming Gulf and Arab heads of state summits as a viable platform for solving the Mideast problem appeared for editorial comments in Wednesday's newspapers.

Al-Riyadh noted the eight-point formula of Crown Prince Fahd has taken into account a host of ideas and Arab aspirations through a rational visualization of the Arab goals and objectives by the Kingdom's wise leadership. "The Kingdom's plan emanated from its leadership's Islamic and historic responsibility to strictly adhere to the Arab and Palestinian causes," it said.

The paper said the value of the Kingdom's plan could be determined from the opposition of the Zionist entity to the plan's international recognition in the face of previous attempts to solve the

problem with open bias toward the Zionist entity.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al-Yom* called on the forthcoming Gulf summit to unanimously support Prince Fahd's plan as a sign of Gulf solidarity and unity in tackling fateful Arab issues with foresight and reason.

This could also be a first step toward a unified Arab approach, in the face of the grave political situation in the region, to settle the problem, in accordance with the principles enshrined in Prince Fahd's peace plan," the paper said.

Commenting on Fahd's forthcoming visit to West Germany, *Al-Madinah* noted it was planned as part of the Kingdom's diplomatic role and its international responsibilities for promoting Arab Islamic causes and sharing the concern for the stability of world economy and promotion of global progress and prosperity. (SFA)

Thatcher facing growing revolt over policies

By Michel Martin-Roland

LONDON — Halfway through her first term of office, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is being accused, even in her own cabinet, of leading the Conservative Party to electoral suicide by sticking obstinately to austerity policies. It is a month since "the iron lady" reshuffled her ministerial team, shunting aside those moderate ministers who were the most openly hostile to her strict monetarist line. But a good half of the new cabinet, according to the British press, has returned to the charge.

Important ministers such as Peter Walker (agriculture), James Prior (Northern Ireland) and Michael Heseltine (environment) are today making scarcely veiled criticisms which repeat the arguments advanced by the most moderate elements of the Conservative Party. They are alarmed by the social consequences of three million unemployed and the political fallout of seeing the electorate flock to the new Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance. They are not far from adopting the analysis of one of the leading moderates, Sir Ian Gilmour, who was dumped from the cabinet last month.

This weekend he called on Mrs. Thatcher to give up her mid-term economic strategy. Sir Ian, who was number two at the Foreign Office, said the policy of fighting inflation by squeezing public

spending and imposing severe credit controls had completely failed.

That disaffection would not overly upset Mrs. Thatcher, where it not that Sir Ian has now said he is prepared to move into active opposition. He envisages voting — and getting others to do likewise — against the government if Mrs. Thatcher's most loyal Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe presents parliament with a deflationary budget for the third year running.

Sir Ian reckons a "substantial" number of Tory MPs might show their disagreement in such a case, thereby producing an open crisis likely to throw the prime minister's leadership into question. The weeks ahead look like being marked by direct confrontation between the "Wets" as the press here has dubbed the Tory moderates, and the treasury, which at Mrs. Thatcher's request, wants to make another turn of the screw to lop off six billion pounds from public spending in the coming financial year.

The annual election of the party leader takes place next month. The Wets, if they fail to bend Mrs. Thatcher's determination to stick with her tough economic policies, are held to be prepared to put up a candidate against her as a warning. Already mentioned is Geoffrey Rippon, who was in the cabinet of Edward Heath, whom Mrs. Thatcher replaced as party leader. Rippon has let it be known

he would be ready, even if only as a symbolic gesture, to contest the leadership poll.

Such a jolt to the party, unprecedented for the Tories when in power, looks almost unavoidable. Mrs. Thatcher could agree to alter her tone and to present her policy for national recovery more humanely. But she remains convinced of the accuracy of her analysis of the situation and cannot change her economic policy, even partially, without serious damage to her credibility.

Faced with a growing revolt, the prime minister has nonetheless some not insignificant political assets to play with.

The official opposition Labor Party continues to tear itself apart between its moderate and far-left wings. The new centrist option of the liberal and Social Democrat Alliance, for all that it is ahead in opinion polls, has not yet come up with any alternative policy worthy of the name.

And in the Conservative Party itself, a good number of lower-level MPs would hesitate if they had to disavow their current leader. To turn against her now would amount to an admission that the government had inflicted years of unnecessary discomfort on the country. That would be an avowal of defeat it would be difficult to make up for with the electorate. (AFP)

Tunisians to elect new parliament

TUNIS — For the first time in 25 years of independence, Tunisian voters will be able to choose between various political parties, including the Communist Party, in parliamentary elections scheduled for Nov. 1. However, despite the democratization of Tunisia's political life by Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali, the Destourian (constitutional) Socialist Party (DSP) — hitherto the only legal political grouping — is virtually certain to win an overwhelming majority of the National Assembly's 136 seats when three million voters go to the polls.

A country of 150,000 square kms a little larger than England — Tunisia is sandwiched between two powerful neighbors, Libya and Algeria. Yet it has succeeded in maintaining its pro-Western and relatively liberal policies throughout its quarter-century of independence.

Tunisia's veteran President Habib Bourguiba, 79, founded the DSP — under another name — in the 1920s as the spearhead of his struggle against French colonial rule. After the French left in 1956, Tunisia became a one-party state though firmly linked with the West.

Since taking over the government last year, Mzali has worked ceaselessly to persuade Bourguiba — still the last word in all major decisions — that complete political freedom would not plunge the

country into anarchy and chaos. Tunisia's move toward opening up the political process to all is attributed largely to Mzali's determination and agility.

His efforts have won him a certain popularity. As Bourguiba's designated successor and secretary-general of the DSP, Mzali can expect to lead the party to an electoral triumph less sweeping but infinitely more significant than the 99-percent endorsements it obtained in previous plebiscites.

The DSP is the only party to put up lists of candidates in each of the 23 constituencies. In each constituency, several deputies are being elected in accordance with the number of votes won by their party's list of candidates.

The ruling party's prospects were further enhanced by an alliance with the labor federation, the General Union of Tunisian Workers (UGTT), after more than three years of conflict between the government and the unions. The conflict erupted Jan. 26, 1978, when food riots allegedly instigated by the UGTT degenerated into an urban insurrection. More than 100 people died in street battles, arson and looting. The UGTT's secretary-general at the time, Habib Achouh, was sentenced to 10 years in prison as an alleged ringleader. Though now out of prison, he is confined to his home for health reasons and remains barred from all union and political

activity.

The PSD's National Front, made of itself, the UGTT, and the national organizations of employers, farmers and women, is the only political grouping that will contest all 136 seats.

The Democratic Socialist Movement (DSM) of former Defense Minister Ahmad Mesrini, located on the right of the political spectrum, put up 104 candidates and is expected to do well in some areas.

The leftist Movement of Popular Unity (MUP), advocating a kind of anti-Soviet Marxism, put up 58 candidates, and the Tunisian Communist Party, strongly influenced by the "Eurocommunism" in nearby Italy, has 42 candidates. Whatever the election outcome, no change is expected in Tunisia's policies.

There are 15 women candidates, including the prime minister's wife.

Kbelifa Abid, the UGTT's deputy secretary-general and National Front candidate in Bizerte, told an audience the unions have become completely reconciled with the government and "are campaigning in all sincerity beside the DSP."

Some isolated incidents were reported during the early stages of the three-week election campaign, such as fistfights or stonethrowing between rival groups, but in general the unprecedented political debate has been free of violence. — (AP)

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Hong Kong controls illegal immigrants

By Gerry Azlakodn

HONG KONG, (AFP) — Illegal immigration from China which only a year ago threatened to "sink" Hong Kong, has now been brought under control, with a reported 90 percent drop in the number of illegals caught trying to sneak in.

"We've put the lid on illegal immigration," claimed a police spokesman. Since Oct. 23 last year when the government, in a highly publicized policy shift, introduced tough anti-illegal immigration measures, 11,000 illegals have been repatriated to China, police said.

Secretary for security Lewis Davies meanwhile said that on the basis of the police's current evasion ratio, one illegal slips in for every two or three caught — the underground illegal immigrant community was believed to number between 1,500 and 5,500.

The new policy involves stepped-up patrols of land and sea borders by security forces, a requirement that Hong Kong residents must carry an identity card at all times coupled with hefty fines against abettors of illegals and employers who hire them. It has enjoyed broad support from local public opinion as well as active cooperation from Chinese authorities across the border.

Davies nevertheless urged continuing vigilance by security forces, warning that there was still a "substantial reservoir" of potential illegal immigrants in China's neighboring Guangdong province.

The local media have meanwhile been debating whether there is any link between the presence of underground illegals and the rising crime rate.

Statistics say that Chinese criminals, who enter Hong Kong after January 1978 have

been responsible for roughly one third of all major crimes here. But Alan Mason, a top official of the security branch, said there was no evidence that illegals who slipped in after October 23 were involved in a big way.

Mason indicated that most illegals were now believed to be carrying forged identity cards, which he said, cost about \$333.

To prevent such forgery and root out the remaining illegal immigrants here the government plans to introduce, in about two years' time, new identity cards which will be linked to a computer. It also made it emphatically clear that there would be no amnesty for illegal immigrants. Police information indicates smugglers of illegal immigrants were periodically spreading rumors of an amnesty to attract more customers.

The syndicates are reportedly offering 5,000 package deals providing for forged identity cards, a car trip from pre-arranged spots near communes in China to the border, border crossing by speedboat and informing relatives here of arrival. In most cases the money is paid by relatives here, police said.

While until now attention has been focused exclusively on the illegals, governor Sir Murray Maclehoose recently voiced unhappiness at the rate of legal immigration from China, which runs at \$5,000 yearly. The figure includes some Chinese citizens who enter Hong Kong legally on tourist visas but who remain.

"We would like to see the number (of legal immigrants) brought down," said a government spokesman.

But Chinese authorities are under tremendous pressure to allow Chinese citizens having strong family ties with Hong Kong to come here and they are unlikely to agree to any drastic reduction, he added.

Poles face hardships, they dread the winter

By Peter Millar

WARSAW, Poland (R) — The long, flat road from Berlin to Warsaw which has known the tramp of jackboots and the shuffle of refugees, says much about eastern Europe's situation since the upsurge of Poland's entire labor unrest.

For the traveler who leaves from West Berlin, an enclave of Western opulence and street violence, the first landmark is Checkpoint Charlie, that most famous gap in the most tangible form of the Iron Curtain — the Berlin Wall.

Then the futuristic architecture, restored Prussian palaces and decrepit flat blocks of East give way to motorway all the way to the Polish border.

"Last exit in the German Democratic Republic," the motorway signs proclaim. Since the growth of the free trade union Solidarity, East Germans have been forbidden to travel to Poland.

Polish cars entering East Germany are rigorously searched for "anti-socialist propaganda." Two Polish pianists due to play at East Berlin's October arts festival were expelled from the country because they wanted to perform wearing Solidarity badges.

On the other side of the border initially things are much the same. It is, after all, the same vast plain that reaches from the Rhine to the Russian steppes.

But the only motorway in Poland is an apparently incongruous stretch from Wroclaw in the southwest to the East German border. It was built by Hitler when Wroclaw was Breslau and much of present-day Poland German. No-one talks much about that.

Winter is on the way and its impact on Poland, tottering on the brink of economic collapse, is clearly dreaded. Already a grey-white sky hangs over stubble fields and pine forests, like a sodden blanket saturating everything.

Small boys emerge from the trees to flag down motorists and sell newly-picked mushrooms for hard Western currency. Their

Crime 'locks up' Fla. town; tourists are discouraged

By Dan Sewell

GOLDEN BEACH, Florida (AP) — Determined to remain a tropical coast of privacy and safety, this wealthy seaside town has closed all but one road leading to the rest of Dade County, where violent crime has skyrocketed. Six roads to the town have been blocked off, and final plans were being made this week to erect a blockhouse with a gate at the remaining open street, the Strand, with around-the-clock guards to check each incoming car.

There are also plans to add to the 13-man police force that patrols the town of 800 residents, and to install a direct police telephone line so residents won't have to route their calls through the country's 911 emergency system.

The idea is to keep out criminals, curious tourists from nearby hotels, joggers and any Haitian refugees who might land at this northeastern Dade beach in their flight from poverty.

Where six roads once led from the busy state highway that runs down the middle of the town, there are now dirt mounds with newly planted trees. High fences protect the northern and southern flanks, and police plan increased patrols of the intracoastal waterway to the west and a 1.1-mile (0.8km) strip of Atlantic Ocean beachfront to the east.

For now, a police car is parked by the Strand, which runs west from route A1A to the area where most of the town's 280 houses stand. The Strand is now the only entrance to the western part of town.

The town has no restaurants, no parking meters, no stores, no billboards, no gas stations, no high-rise condominiums or motels and by a three-year-old ordinance, no pedestrians "walking three abreast."

Mayor Irving Schulman calls it "one of the more affluent communities in the south."

elders are not far behind, approaching stopped cars attempting to change money on the black market at five times the official rate.

Horses and carts or tractors are the main traffic on the road. Petrol stations are closed or have signs saying "empty". A few would-be drivers stand by a line of deserted cars discussing the possibility of supplies arriving that day.

It is 25 years since the first major worker revolt in Communist Poland. In Poznan, where almost 100 people died in the suppression of riots in 1956, a woman lays a wreath at the huge monument erected this year, inscribed with the words "for freedom, justice and bread."

It bears the dates of subsequent outbreaks of worker unrest, some more bloody than others, up to 1980 — date of the Gdansk strikes and the agreements that gave birth to the Solidarity free trade union movement.

Solidarity posters are stuck up in the streets. Some are defaced, but to the visitor from East Germany it is a scarcely believable freedom of expression. No posters in East Berlin or Dresden are defaced. No posters there attack official policy.

Nearer to Warsaw the petrol queues are longer. More than 30 tractors stand idle at one filling station. But well-wrapped peasant women at the roadsides sell the few passers-by plentiful supplies of apples and tomatoes.

On the outskirts of the Polish capital, queues at filling stations are miles long and growing as motorists find themselves with no choice but to pull in and wait hours if not days.

Warsaw itself is noise and bustle, the streets full of people, most of them queuing at butchers, clothes shops, shoe shops, or for taxis.

Here there are not the flashy Mercedes of West Berlin, nor the ungainly Wartburgs of East Germany but hordes of tiny fuel-efficient 650 CC Polski Fiats scuttling about until even they run out of petrol. People complain of the shortages, rationing, price rises.

Pop singer Barry Manilow maintains a home here for his mother. A millionaire industrialist is another resident. Kentucky state Governor John Y. Brown, who founded the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant chain, has a house in Golden Beach. There's also "famous doctors, lawyers, businessmen — you name it, we've got it," Schulman said.

"I'm in favor of closing the whole kit and caboodle with just the Strand open with a policeman," said resident Bertha Slavin, complaining about outsiders who wander in. "I've called the police several times about these rather disreputable-looking people. They should not be allowed to walk here."

"What we're trying to do here is keep this community what it is, a beautiful, safe place to live," said Police Chief Dick DeStefani.

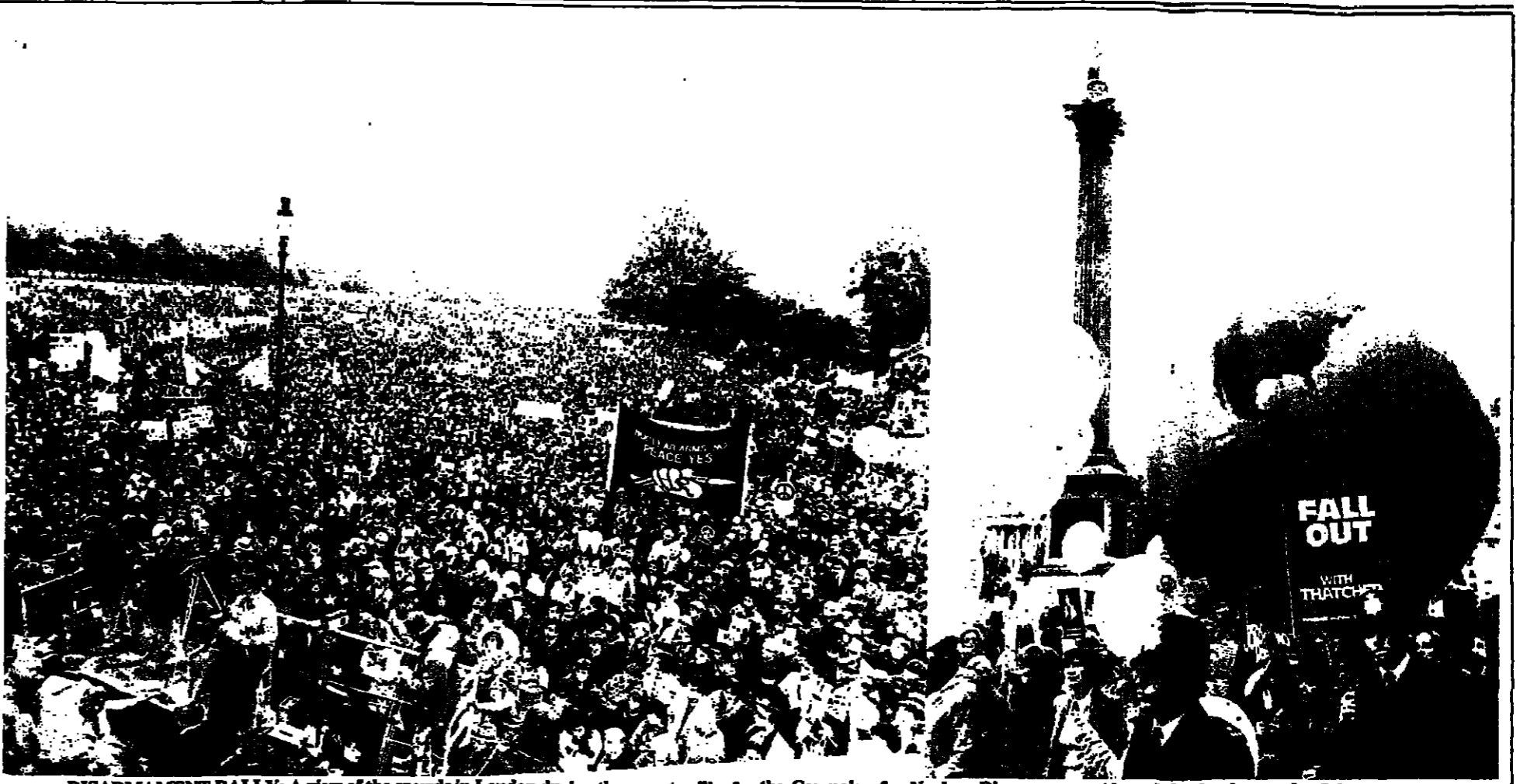
"Dade County — you just can't believe the rise in crime," he said. "I did 23 years in the New York City Police Department, but I believe this area to be worse. So here in Golden Beach, we're trying to forestall this."

The number of incidences of violent crime in Dade County, which takes in the city of Miami, shot up 96.4 percent between 1979 and 1980, and its total of 32,221 violent crimes last year ranked behind only much larger New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

So far this year, 18 burglaries and no violent crimes have been reported in Golden Beach. One breach-in this year netted \$200,000, but DeStefani said most residents store their wealth elsewhere.

The plan is to create a veritable fortress of solitude here is unanimously popular. Residents on one beachfront, to the east of the state highway, don't believe they'll benefit from the blockhouse checkpoint, which will cost at least \$30,000. But city officials promise patrols of the beach will be increased.

"We believe we have a right to keep our city the way it is," Schulman said. "We have a right to privacy and security."



DISARMAMENT RALLY: A view of the crowds in London during the recent rallies for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Above left, the thousands of demonstrators who gathered in Hyde Park; above right, the demonstrators pass through Trafalgar Square.

Expedition wants to search Mt. Ararat

Noah's Ark said to overlook Turkish frontier

By Steven R. Hirst

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Despite lack of scientific documentation, a 24-year-old American says he's convinced Noah's Ark came to rest and is still sitting on towering Mt. Ararat's north slope 30 kilometers (18 miles) from Turkey's heavily guarded frontier with the Soviet Union.

But as far as Turkish officials are concerned, Scott Van Dyke's going to have to wait at least one more year to prove his conviction.

"Maybe we'll say 'ok' next year," said an official of the interior ministry after Van Dyke was refused permission earlier this month.

Van Dyke, an amateur mountaineer and

oil purchaser for a petroleum broker in Houston, Texas, recently spent two months in the Turkish capital trying to convince the authorities that the ark really sits astride snow-capped Mt. Ararat and that he should be given a chance to prove it.

He came close to getting permission, but the ministry of interior approved one hurdle too many. By early October the Turkish Military general staff, the ministry of tourism, the ministry of youth and sports, the foreign ministry and the ministry of culture had all said it was all right with them if Van Dyke poked around the mountain in search of the vessel.

But the ministry of interior, citing a 1972 regulation that forbids foreigners from climbing the mountain, refused final permission

and Van Dyke packed his bags and went back to Houston.

Turkey's sensitivity about Mt. Ararat and expeditions searching for the ark are due to the fact the Turkish government doesn't want to annoy its Russian neighbor. The Turks fear a foreign climb might include intelligence experts who could install spy devices on the mountain that would peer across the nearby border into Soviet Armenia.

Van Dyke insists the ark sits between the 13,000-foot (3,960m) and 14,000-foot (4,270m) levels on the 16,946-foot (5,165m) mountain, on a ledge carved out of the north face.

"The ark has been seen on at least five occasions Van Dyke said during a recent

interview before leaving Ankara. He claimed a Russian pilot flying in the area in 1916 spotted the ark. The last Russian czar before the 1917 revolution sent a team of 150 soldiers and scientists to Mt. Ararat, he said, to document the sighting. But all the documentation was lost in the Russian revolution, Van Dyke said.

In the early 1920s, Van Dyke added, Jacob Cucurian, an Armenian then 19 and living at the foot of the mountain, was taken to visit the ark by his father. Cucurian now lives in the United States.

"Cucurian has given this expedition directions to the ark," Van Dyke said. The climb is non-technical and can be completed in 12 hours, he said.

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Senate panel seeks limiting CIA spying

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP) — The U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee has recommended that the Ronald Reagan administration abandon its plan to allow the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to infiltrate and try to influence domestic organizations.

After a one-hour closed meeting, Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, the committee chairman, said Tuesday the panel would recommend that the administration abide by the restrictions on CIA infiltration of U.S. groups

South Africa denies fresh attack on Angola

PRETORIA, Oct. 28 (R) — South Africa Wednesday denied Angolan charges that its troops had attacked southern Angola again. Angola accused South African forces Tuesday night of trying to capture the town of Cahama, some 200 kms inside Angola to the north of the border with Namibia (southwest Africa).

South Africa launched a 13-day strike into Angola two months ago to attack Namibian bases but said it withdrew on Sept. 4. Angola alleges however that more attacks were made this month and that South African troops now occupy almost all of southern Angola between the Cunene River and the Namibian border.

It said the latest strike, which occurred Monday, was intended to coincide with the presence of a Western mission seeking to achieve Namibian independence from South African rule.

imposed by President Jimmy Carter in January 1978.

Goldwater also announced the committee had completed its investigation of William J. Casey and that "no basis has been found for concluding that Casey is unfit to serve as director of central intelligence." Goldwater said the staff will write a report and recommendations on Casey, but declined to say when that would be finished. It was not known what those recommendations would be.

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, the panel's vice chairman, said that "the ultimate findings will await the conclusion of that report." The committee has been studying a draft presidential order governing intelligence agencies which was prepared by the Reagan administration as a replacement for Carter's order.

The Reagan draft would have given the CIA its first authority to infiltrate and secretly try to influence the activity of domestic groups. Infiltration could be authorized "for any lawful purpose" as determined by the CIA chief or his designee.

Under the order, any attempt to exert influence on such groups could be undertaken if the attorney general found that constitutional rights would not be violated. Carter's order restricted both infiltration and influencing basically to the FBI, and required the approval of the attorney general for both.

Democratic Congressmen had criticized the Reagan proposal as an intrusion on civil liberties. They said it is unnecessary in view of the FBI's existing authority and possibly violates the National Security Act of 1947 which banned CIA domestic activity.

Everest storm recalled

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28 (AP) — A "relentless" storm which hurled boulders and froze water in minutes foiled a bid by a mountain climbing expedition to be the first to scale the east face of Mount Everest, team members say.

Everest, at 29,028 feet (8,848 meters) the tallest peak on earth, lured a 15-member expedition from the United States in mid-August, including Richard Blum, the husband of San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

Blum and the group's adviser, Sir Edmund Hillary, who suffered cerebral edema at the high altitudes, left the climbing party in early October.

Blum met the seven members who flew back to San Francisco Monday after he got a dispatch from expedition member Chris Jones, a San Francisco management consultant, describing the storm that wiped out the climb when the party was 7,728 feet short of the summit.

Jones said a storm "moved in relentlessly, tearing down tents at base camp and dropping two feet of snow." The wind hammered in from the south and the temperature plummeted. At breakfast the next day, Dan Reid (a Concord cardiac surgeon) poured water into his cup. When he picked it up a couple of minutes later, the water was frozen.

Jones was suffering from pleurisy and Louis Reichardt, climbing leader, was fighting shoulder problems and was unable to carry loads to help establish a camp above the helmet camp at 21,300 feet.

The dispatch said there was stunned silence at the buttress camp when Reichardt's voice crackled over the radio: "I think we should abort and call for the yaks."

As the team abandoned the mountain, a flying boulder "from a section of slope called 'Bowling Alley' put a gash in Reid's shin. He made the rest of the descent with the aid of pain killers.

BRIEFS

KAMPALA (R) — Bob Astles, a British road engineer who became a close aide of former Ugandan President Idi Amin, was acquitted Wednesday of a murder committed in 1977 but sent back to prison under a government detention order. Judge Seth Manyindo told the Uganda High Court that the prosecution had failed in a week-long trial to prove that Astles, 58, had killed fisherman Henry Musisi on Lake Victoria on May 31 four years ago.

ATLANTA, Georgia (R) — Andrew Young, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was elected mayor of Atlanta Tuesday in a straight contest against white state legislator Sidney Marcus. He won 55 percent of the vote in a poll that generally followed racial lines. Fifty-six percent of Atlanta's 190,000 voters are black.

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international conference to help disabled children and their families in developing countries will be held near here next week. The Hope Institute for Health Policy announced. The meeting will be held at Hope's international headquarters at Millwood, Virginia, and will be attended by doctors, special educators and other experts from India, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, Peru, Kenya, Philippines, Nigeria, Poland, Jamaica and the United States.

ROME (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India will pay an official visit to Italy Nov. 9-12, official sources said here Wednesday. Mrs. Gandhi is also scheduled to deliver an address to the 147-nation conference of the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

FBI agents crack down on black terror groups

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (R) — FBI agents seized another suspect as a hunt for violent radicals widened Tuesday while an inquiry was ordered into charges that police staged a mock execution of a Black Panther already arrested.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents raided a house in Mississippi and arrested Cynthia Boston, "minister of information" for what the FBI called a terror group named Republic of New Africa. Miss Boston was accused of taking part in the plotting of last week's abortive \$1.5 million holdup of an armored security van in suburban New York, in which two policemen and a guard were shot dead and four radicals arrested.

In New York, William Kunstler, veteran defense lawyer of American radicals, charged that Nathaniel Burns, a fugitive Black Panther arrested in a gun battle with police last Friday, was beaten and terrorized after his capture. Kunstler said a police officer knocked Burns to the floor of a cell, put a gun to his head and pulled the trigger four times in a mock execution aimed at forcing him to talk.

Kunstler also alleged that police poked lighted cigars into Burns' arm and beat him so badly that he had to be taken to hospital. Judge James O'Donoghue, who held a bedside arraignment Tuesday of Burns on attempted murder charges, ordered an inquiry into Kunstler's allegations.

Burns was arrested after a wild car chase and gunfight with police Friday in which Samuel Smith, a black militant who was with him, was shot dead. Police said they were certain that Smith took part in the holdup.

In the Mississippi raid, an FBI spokesman said dozens of agents swooped on a house where several radicals who had fled New York immediately after the raid had taken

refuge. But they found only Miss Boston, whose revolutionary group had not until Wednesday been named as a target of the intensive FBI and police roundup of fugitive radicals. Many of them have been sought since the violent anti-Vietnam war days of the 1960s.

The FBI thinks the raid was the work of an alliance of radical groups including the Weather Underground, the Black Liberation Army and the May 19 Coalition.

Relief groups to meet

GENEVA, Oct. 28 (R) — The Red Cross movement will focus on the growing problem of refugees during a series of meetings on its humanitarian role which starts in Manila Thursday.

Delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), National Red Cross or Red Crescent societies, and the 149 governments which have signed the Geneva war conventions will aim to strengthen the worldwide relief effort.

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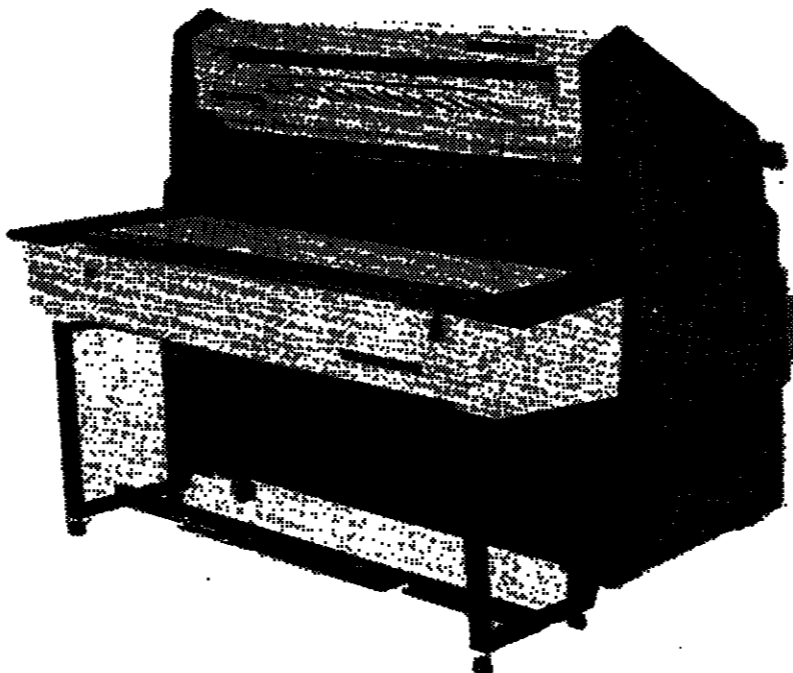
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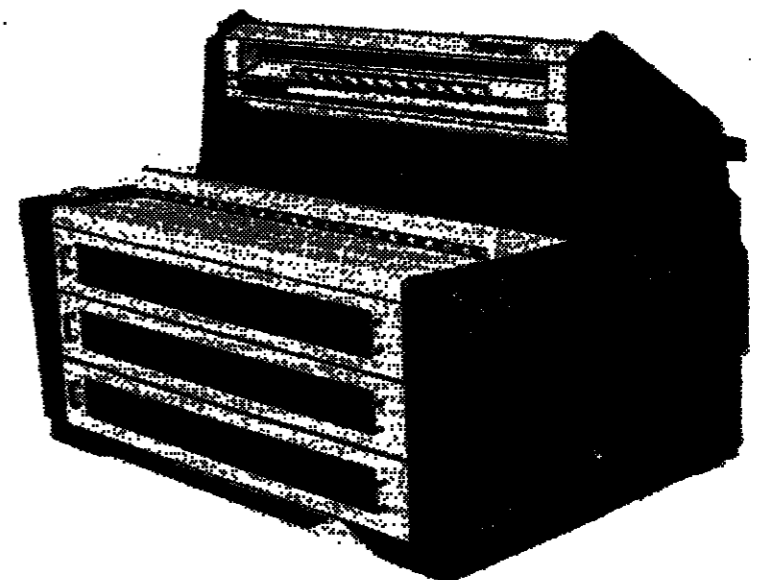
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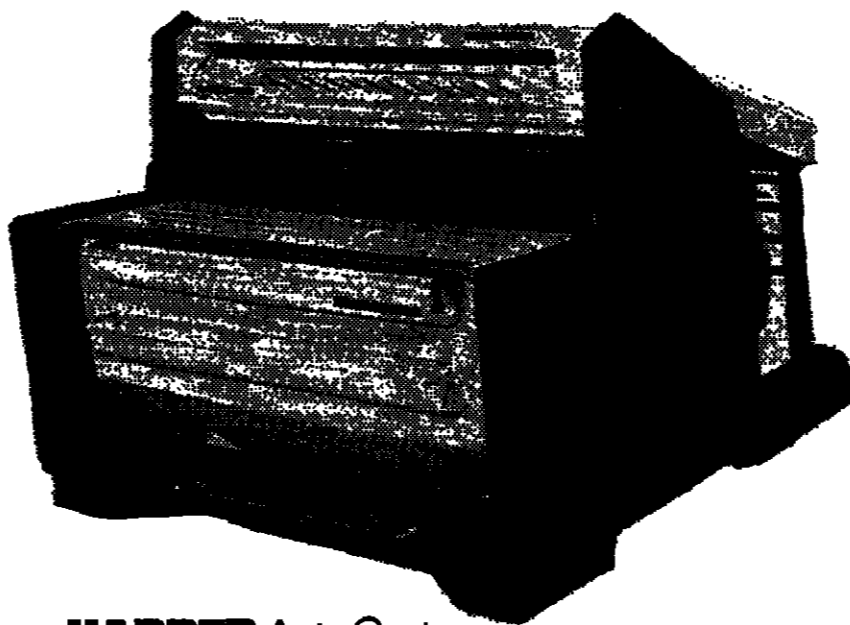
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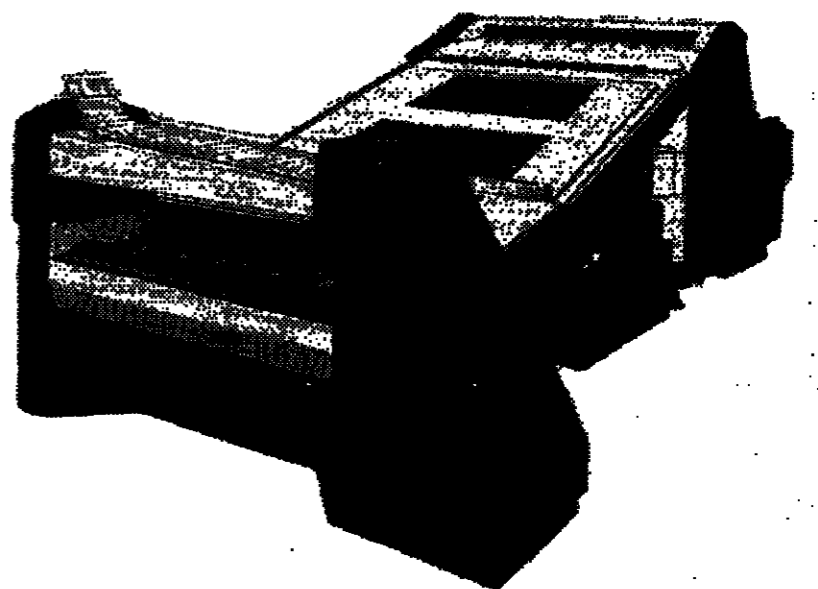
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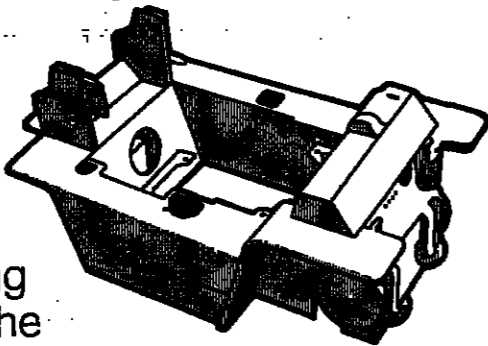
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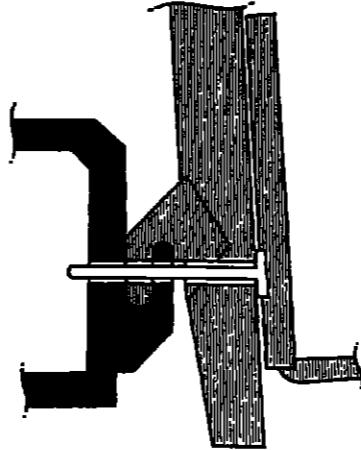
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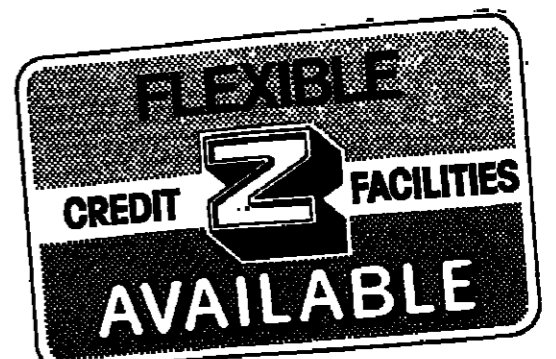
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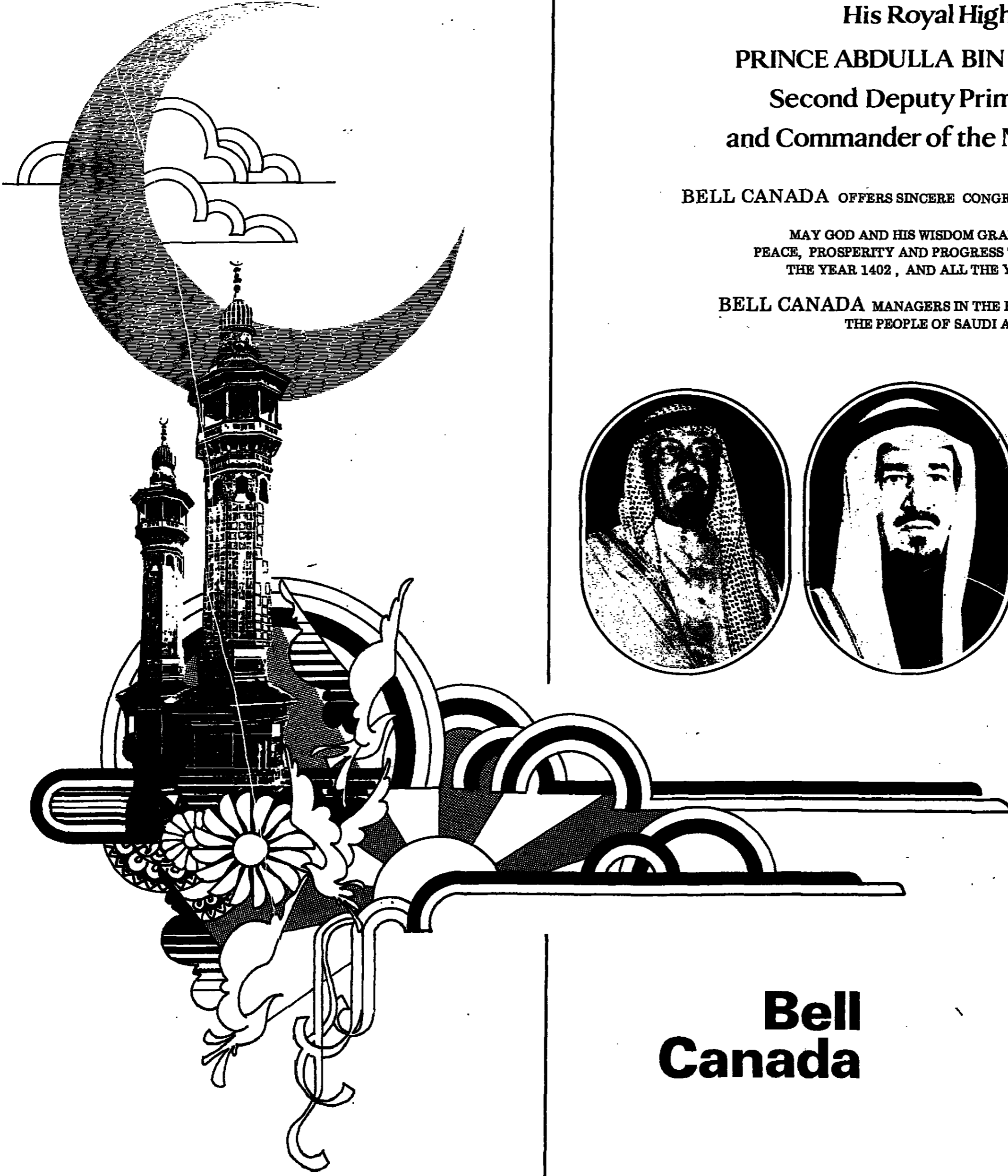
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18% rise in exports

Japan trade surplus hits \$12b

TOKYO, Oct. 28 (R) — Japan recorded a \$12.20 billion trading surplus in the first six months of the financial year ending last April, the Finance Ministry said Wednesday.

This heavy trading imbalance, which has been causing a rising chorus of complaints from the United States and Western Europe, compares with a trade surplus of only \$959 million in the first six months of the previous year.

The ministry said exports in the first half of the year rose 18.9 percent to \$75.48 billion.

EEC agrees on oil crisis plan

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 28 (R) — European Economic Community (EEC) energy ministers have agreed on a series of measures aimed at preventing sharp rises in spot prices for oil when supplies drop below normal levels.

A statement issued after a day-long meeting said ministers had agreed to promptly meet at the request of the EEC Commission in the event of a limited drop in oil supplies.

They would then review several possibilities which include: asking oil companies to refrain from abnormal purchases, use of commercial stocks in preference to new purchases, replacement of oil by other forms of energy in the public and private sectors and the maintenance of high domestic production — a reference essentially to British oil supplies.

The measures are to be applied when supplies are reduced, although not low enough to

Consumer prices

rise in France

PARIS, Oct. 28 (AFP) — Consumer prices went up an overall 1.1 percent in France last month, making 13.9 percent in a year, the National Statistics Institute has said.

Food rose 1.8 percent, manufactured goods 0.8 percent and services 1.2 percent. Figures also showed that private sector manufactured goods increased 0.9 percent, private sector services 1.5 percent and public service tariffs 1.3 percent.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.08	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	14.20
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	91.25
Canadian Dollar	—	—	283.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	148.70	148.50	148.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	134.75	134.60	134.60
Egyptian Pound	—	3.75	4.13
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	93.70	93.15
French Franc (100)	—	59.40	59.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	55.00	58.80
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.20
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.30	28.20	28.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	14.55
Jordanian Dinar	10.15	10.09	10.09
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.10	12.08	12.08
Lebanese Lira (100)	73.00	72.95	72.95
Moroccan Dirham (100)	61.45	61.40	61.40
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.80
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.30
Pound Sterling	6.25	6.215	6.215
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.05	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	162.65
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	25.00	24.80	24.80
Swiss Franc (100)	180.80	179.95	179.95
Syrian Lira (100)	58.60	63.35	63.35
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	3.425
U.S. Dollar	3.43	3.425	3.425
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.25	75.50	75.50

	Selling Price	Buying Price
Gold kg.	47,385	47,285
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Ounce	1,474	1,464

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

while imports only increased 1.2 percent to \$63.28 billion.

The current account surplus in the first half, taking invisible earnings into account, stood at \$4.84 billion in surplus compared with a \$5.54 billion deficit in the first half of last year.

The release of the figures coincided with a call from leading Japanese businessmen Wednesday for the liberalizing of imports in response to criticism from European Economic Community (EEC) countries.

A spokesman for the powerful Federation

meet the International Energy Agency (IEA) definition of a crisis. The IEA of which all EEC countries except France are members, has already set up a program of oil-sharing should supplies fall by more than seven percent.

The ministers failed to agree on commission suggestions that they might authorize the reduction of compulsory stocks from 90 to 85 days in such periods and that well-stocked states might divert incoming supplies of oil to others to ensure that no stocks fall below the 85-day level. Instead, they requested the commission to produce a further report on the use of obligatory stocks and such possible diversions of incoming supplies.

Spiralling prices on the spot market in 1979 following the Iranian revolution led to a decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to raise their official prices and EEC countries have been seeking for over a year to agree on measures to avoid a repetition.

Brandt warns Turkey of aid cutoff

BONN, Oct. 28 (R) — Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt warned the Turkish military junta Wednesday that Socialist parties in several countries would oppose economic aid to Turkey if there was not a speedy return to democracy.

Brandt, speaking as president of the Socialist International, said in a press statement that members of the organization were deeply distressed by the junta's decision 12 days ago to dissolve political parties.

The same applied to reports that charges were being laid against former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, whose Republican People's Party was a Socialist International member.

Brandt said many Socialists had assumed the military leadership would honor pledges to return Turkey to democracy, and this was "a precondition for a number of social democratic parties not opposing continuation of economic aid."

Describing recent decisions by the junta as unacceptable, Brandt said the Socialist Inter-

S. African rand touches new low

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 28 (R) — The rand fell to a record low of \$1.027 Wednesday amid concern over South Africa's economic prospects.

The currency has lost 24 percent against the dollar since hitting a peak of just over \$1.35 at the start of the year. Rising inflation, a serious balance of payments problem, and an economic slowdown in South Africa are largely blamed. Against a weighted average of the currencies of major trading partners, the rand has declined 12 percent this year.

The governor of the Reserve Bank, Gerhard de Kock, predicted Tuesday that South Africa would have a lower economic growth rate in 1982. Growth has dropped to around four percent this year after reaching eight percent in 1980.

of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) said the businessmen would urge the government to remove non-tariff barriers, reduce import tariffs and generally open up the Japanese market to foreign goods.

Keidanren President Yoshihiro Inayama, who recently led an official trade mission to Western Europe, was surprised by the severity of attacks by individual countries on Japan's growing trade surplus and the closed nature of the Japanese market, the spokesman added.

Inayama, former chairman of Nippon Steel Corporation, will report on the visit Thursday to Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Foreign Minister Sumao Sonoda and International Trade Minister Rokusukl Tanaka.

The visit to Europe came at a time of heightened trade problems between Japan and the EEC and fears that this year's bilateral balance could produce a record \$15 billion in Japan's favor.

Wednesday's announcement points toward a surplus of over \$20 billion forecast here recently by some economic organizations. The record full year trade surplus reached by Japan was \$20.53 billion in the financial year ending March, 1979 and the biggest current account surplus \$14 billion seen in the previous financial year.

The latest figures on goods passed through Japanese customs show Japan recording particular success in the export of ships, machines and machine tools, electric and electronic goods, especially video tape recorders, and steel. However, car exports have declined owing to voluntary export restraint by Japanese companies.

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national wanted Turkish leaders to "speed up energetically the reintroduction of parliamentary democracy."

The junta defended the dissolution of political parties at the time as part of a plan to establish a new democracy free of corruption said to be rife in the system it overthrew.

Brandt's warning followed recommendations this week by the Bonn parliament's economic cooperation committee that 460 million marks (\$200 million) in planned aid to Turkey this year be suspended until democratic rule is restored.

The proposal, which must be approved by the Bundestag (lower house), is expected to figure in discussions when Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher visits Turkey next week.

Closing Prices

	Wednesday	Tuesday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	429.25	428.75
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	499.05	495.25
3 months	519.50	515.50
Copper cash	905.50	906.00
3 months	935.50	935.75
Tin cash	8152.50	8159.00
3 months	8350.50	8362.50
Lead cash	385.50	384.25
3 months	398.25	396.25
Zinc cash	511.00	505.00
3 months	525.70	519.75
Aluminium cash	616.00	620.00
3 months	640.75	645.25
Nickel cash	2803.50	2832.50
3 months	2862.50	2918.50
Sugar January	159.25	155.75
March	167.00	162.90
Coffee November	1138.00	1118.00
March	1145.00	1124.00
Cocoa December	1157.00	1162.00
March	1160.00	1166.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6663908, Jeddah.

Financial Roundup

Dollar loses ground on European exchanges

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Oct. 28 — The dollar closed weaker on the New York and European exchange markets Wednesday. Dealers attributed the fall to profit-taking and position cutting on the dollar, with market sentiment swinging back from the over reaction for the dollar seen during the past few days. Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm though and Federal Reserves "Fed funds" rates averaged at 15 percent in New York Tuesday night.

The local markets saw rial rates remain relatively firm with some demand shown for short-dated funds despite regular liquidity injections into the banking system. Long-term rial deposits were also unmoved, taking one-year rates to 14-15 percent by close of business.

Despite indications from the Federal Reserve Board in New York that a tight monetary policy would continue for some time yet, the dollar eased back in New York on profit-taking. The European central banks had also been active throughout most of Tuesday and Wednesday, in supporting

their national currencies sensing that market sentiment had now swung the other way against the dollar after its recent rise. The Polish situation continued to loom and in the background, but the financial markets had begun to discount the political aspect in evaluating the dollar value. The surprising aspect was that Eurodollar deposit rates remained firm for most of the day after also closing strong in New York Tuesday night.

The three-month Eurodollar deposit rate was trading at 16 7/16-16 9/16 percent, which is not significantly different from the opening levels. Earlier on in the week, the one-year dollar rate was also comfortable at 16 9/16-16 11/16 percent with all indications that "Fed funds" would remain firm this week, then the 17 percent level could be reached for long-tenor dollar deposit.

On the exchanges, the British pound and the French franc continued to behave erratically with the former not capitalizing on the recent United Kingdom interest rate hikes. Sterling closed in New York at 1.8109 levels, but remained within the range of 1.8000-1.8010 for most of Wednesday. The French franc which had reached the low of

5.7960 against the dollar Tuesday could only manage just a 5.780 levels at best against a weaker dollar. As for the German mark, vigorous support intervention by the German Bundesbank pushed the dollar mark rate up from 2.3200 levels to trade at 2.3010 levels Wednesday.

The local exchange markets were quick to note, the reversal, albeit of a temporary nature, of the dollar performance and adjusted their spot dollar by rial rates from opening level of 3.4200-10 to 3.4195-05. By close business little interbank business was done, but some selling pressure built-up on the dollar out of the Bahraini-based OBU's — offshore booking units. On the money markets, short-term rial deposits rate rose slightly by late morning as some demand was reported from the Jeddah Clearing Bank. Two-week fixed rial rates were quoted at 12-13 percent, while the one-month was quoted at 13 1/4-13 3/4 percent by close of business. Dealers reported some lending interest in the six-month tenors, but actual activity was small with rates running at 14 1/4-15 1/4 percent.

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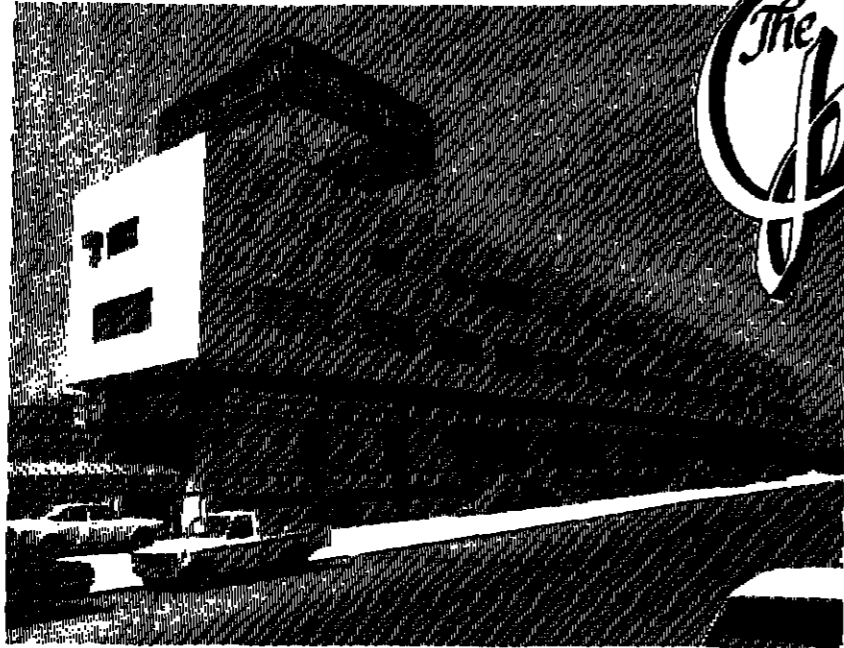
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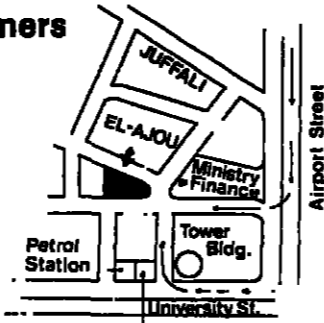
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Ajax records facile victory over Ahli

By Peter Rodrigues

JEDDAH, Oct. 28 — Displaying splendid touch soccer Ajax of Amsterdam outplayed Ahli a local outfit, before recording an impressive 3-1 victory in a friendly tie at the Jeddah Stadium Wednesday night.

The maroon and white brigade from the land of the windmills, green fields and canals, proved more than a match for the local team. They displayed tremendous coordination and packed a lot of power in their boots. Besides, precision was their strong point.

But the gallant Ahli, never threw in the towel, despite conceding two goals they fought for all their worth and almost restored parity but Imad Khojali proved a conspicuous offender. This inside forward, besides miffing a spot kick, wasted two sitters and both the occasion he had just the rival goalkeeper at his mercy.

The local squad began on an impressive note and raised visions of an upset win when Amin Dabu, the fox as he is nick named, the most impressive forward stretched the Dutch goalkeeper completely with a splendid on-

the-run-shot down the right flank. But that was about all in this half, cause as the Dutch got into their strides, Ahli's goal-bearing moves were few and far between.

Ajax, who once boasted of the World Cup star Johan Cruyff within their midst took time to settle down, but once they did they held the lion's share of the exchanges and virtually toyed with their opponents. With their attack moving on greased wheels, they shot into an early lead through Eisch Nicholson who neatly leaped to nod home a Van Bough cross. Nicholson struck once again in the 20th minute with a stinging grass-cutter to the far corner of the net.

The switch of ends saw the local outfit in better light as they had the Dutch defenders guessing for a brief spell during which they wasted a spot kick. However, their efforts were rewarded in the 61st minute when Dadu found the mark with a deft placement.

But once the Dutch got their third goal in the 72nd they once again held sway before coming out trumps. With this Ajax concluded their Seiko-sponsored tour in which they had played against Hilal in Riyadh Monday. They won 3-0.

U.K. out of World Bridge

PORT CHESTER, New York, Oct. 28 (AP) — The last deal of the World Contract Bridge team championships here Tuesday night eliminated the British team that had led for most of the event. It also set an interesting problem for the non-playing captain of the American team which headed the standings.

The British began the final qualifying round needing nine Victory Points of a possible 20 against Argentina to guarantee a place in the semifinal playoffs.

They seemed likely to achieve that score but a heavy loss on the last deal left them only

eight points, and the South American champions advanced. Eduardo Scanavino settled the issue by bringing home a contract of five clubs doubled that could have been defeated by a different opening lead.

The other qualifiers were the United States, Poland and Pakistan. The rules permitted the Americans to select their semifinal opponents, because they had headed the qualifying standings, and Tom Sanders, the American non-playing captain, chose Poland.

Borg drops set to Krishnan

TOKYO, Oct. 28 (AP) — Second-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden eliminated India's Ramesh Krishnan 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, in the first round match of the \$300,000 Seiko World Super Tennis Tournament here Wednesday.

Borg's victory will pit him against American Tim Gullikson on a specially built court covering the site of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics Swimming Pool.

In other first round matches, No. 5 Vitas

Géralais of the United States beat fellow American Joel Bailey 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; Australian Phil Dent struggled to a 6-3, 7-6 victory over American Victor Amaya and American Chris Dunk defeated fellow American Drew Gitlin 6-2, 6-7, 7-5.

In the first round doubles top-seeded Americans John McEnroe and Ferdi Taygan eliminated countryman Mike Estep and Australian John Fitzgerald 7-5, 6-3.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — British featherweight boxer Pat Cowdell outpointed American Eddie Richards over 10 rounds Tuesday night in Wolverhampton.

YAMOOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast, (AFP) — Timo Salonen of Finland in a Datsun has taken the lead after the first 1,257 kilometers (785 miles) stage of the Ivory Coast rally, Tuesday.

LONDON, (AFP) — Leroy Boone of California is the new opponent of British heavyweight champion Neville Meade for his ten rounds top of the bill fight at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Tuesday. Boone looked a good deal more formidable than the

original opponent Tony Severance, who was rejected by the British Boxing Board of Control as an opponent for Meade because they claimed he was unsuitable.

PEKING, (AP) — China's badminton team completed a 9-0 sweep against Pakistan Tuesday night in the Asian West section preliminaries of the Thomas Cup Tournament, the Xinhua news agency reported.

MOSCOW, (AP) — Maya Chiburandize has retained her World Women's Chess title, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. The 20-year-old, of the Soviet Union, wrapped up the title with a victory Tuesday over Nana Alexandriya, also of the Soviet Union.

Bugner to don gloves again

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Oct. 28 (AFP) — Britain's former world heavyweight title contender Joe Bugner is to make a surprise comeback against the latest "great white hope" Gerry Cooney of the U.S.

Bugner, 31, broke the news himself here Tuesday saying that he had accepted "at least between \$100,000 and 200,000" to take on the hard-hitting Cooney at Las Vegas on December 5.

Cooney is due to fight Larry Holmes for the World Boxing Council (WBC) title next March and intends at least one build-up fight.

The Irish-American from New York was originally down to fight Eddie "animal" Lopez, but the Mexican slugger recently pulled out.

Bugner, now based in Los Angeles, is a former British and European champion.

Sixth game put off

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 (AP) — The sixth game of the 1981 World Series was postponed by rain Tuesday with the Los Angeles Dodgers leading the New York Yankees 3-2 in the best-of-seven set. Game Six will be played Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium with a seventh game, if necessary, on Thursday night.

Swansea, Notts make early exit

LONDON, Oct. 28 (AP) — Third Division Lincoln City produced the shock result of Tuesday night when they went to Notts County and knocked the First Division side out of the English League Cup in the second round.

After a 1-1 draw in the first-leg two weeks ago — when two County players were sent off — Lincoln won 3-2 for a 4-3 aggregate with goals from Tony Cunningham after three minutes and two more in the second half from Glen Cockerill and George Shipley.

County, playing before a paltry home crowd of 6,292, needed a Dow Masson penalty and a late goal from Gordon Mair to give the score some respectability.

The other big surprise of the night came at Swansea where the high-riding First Division side went out against Second Division Barnsley in a stormy tie in which eight players were cautioned.

Swansea's task was tough from the start, trailing 0-2 from the first-leg against one of the Second Division's hardest sides.

They pulled back the two goals to level the aggregate score at 3-3 after 90 minutes but Barnsley substitute Neil Cooper scored seven minutes from the end of extra-time for a fine 4-3 win over the two legs. Two minutes after the winner, Swansea's Neil Robinson and Barnsley's Winstone Campbell were both sent off for fighting.

Mighty Arsenal of the First Division almost became another casualty against Shef-

field United, three divisions lower. Trailing 1-0 from the first-leg in Sheffield, Arsenal took the lead after 26 minutes through big central defender Willie Young but needed an extra-time goal from Alan Sunderland to book their passage into round three.

Last year's beaten League Cup finalists West Ham beat Derby 2-0 with two goals from Paul Goddard to go through 5-2 on aggregate, while Gordon Cowans notched both Aston Villa's goals in the 2-1 win at Wolverhampton. Villa qualified by an aggregate score of 5-3.

Ipswich sailed into round three, adding three first-half goals through Gates, Stegalls and Mariner to the one scored at Leeds in the first-leg.

Brighton squeezed through against Third Division Huddersfield Town with two goals in the last three minutes for a 2-1 aggregate scoreline. Huddersfield dominated for long periods and were unlucky not to knock out their First Division opponents.

Everton qualified for round three with a 1-0 win at Coventry, Mick Ferguson scoring five minutes from time.

English Soccer results

English League Cup	Score	Portsmouth (Lincoln 4-3 aggregate)	Score
Arsenal (Arsenal win 2-1 aggregate)	0	O.P. Rangers (O.P. Rangers 7-2 aggregate)	2
Brighton (Brighton 2-1 aggregate)	0	Plymouth (Middlesbrough 2-1 aggregate)	0
Bristol City (Bristol 2-1 aggregate)	1	Rotherham (Sunderland)	3
Cambridge (Cambridge 3-4 aggregate)	2	Sheffield Wednesday (Sheffield Wednesday 5-3 aggregate)	2
Coventry (Coventry 0-1 aggregate)	1	Swansea (Blackburn 3-2 aggregate)	2
Crystal Palace (Crystal Palace 2-1 aggregate)	0	Walsley (Barnsley 4-3 aggregate)	1
Fulham (Fulham 4-1 aggregate)	0	West Ham (West Ham 5-2 aggregate)	0
Ipswich (Ipswich 4-0 aggregate)	0	Wigan (Wigan 3-2 aggregate)	0
Newport (Oldham 1-0 aggregate)	0	Wolverhampton (Aston Villa 5-3 aggregate)	2
Northampton (Northampton 3-2 aggregate)	1	Wrexham (Wrexham 2-1 aggregate)	1
Notts County	2	Lincoln	3

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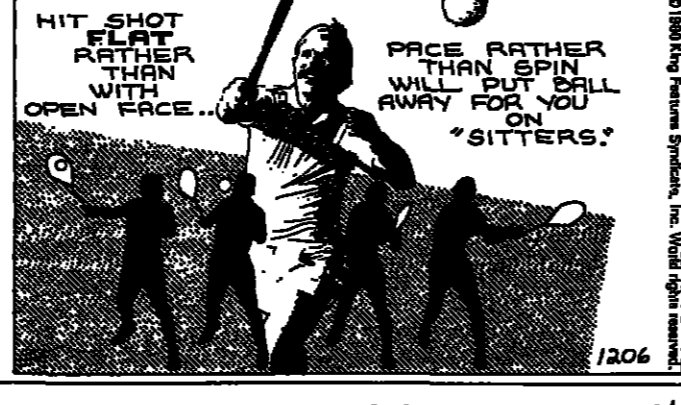
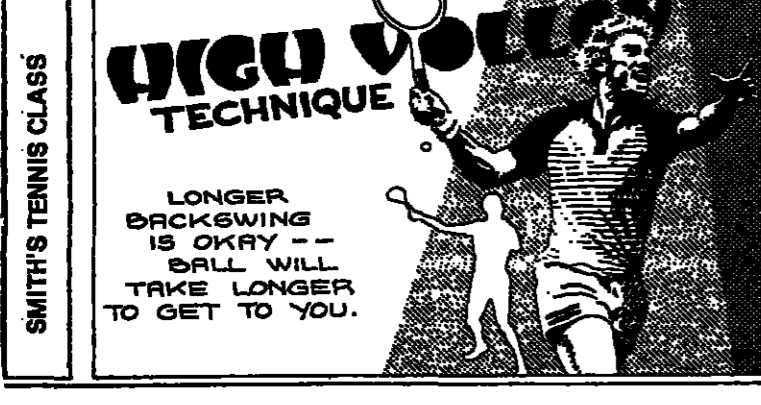
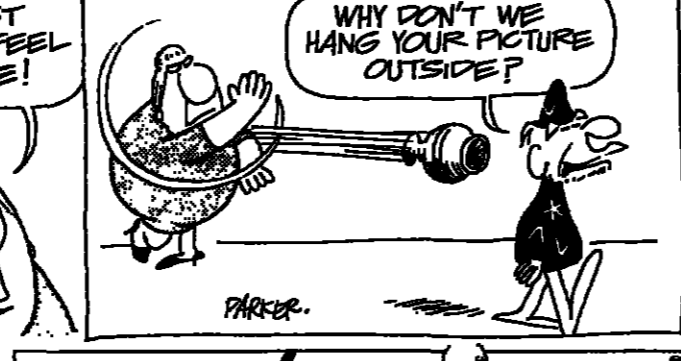
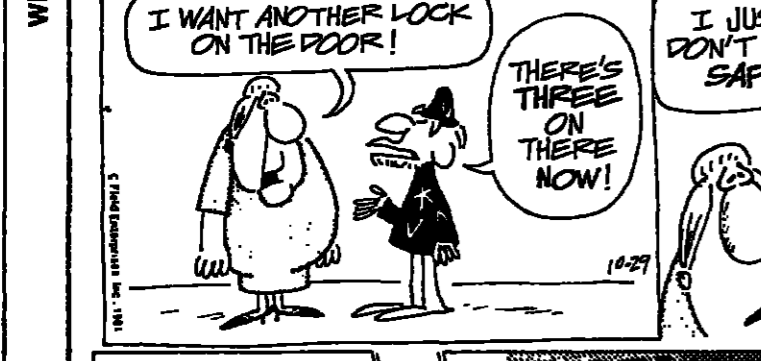
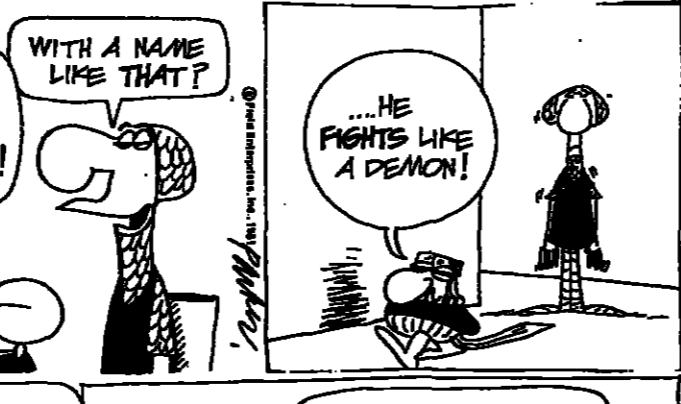
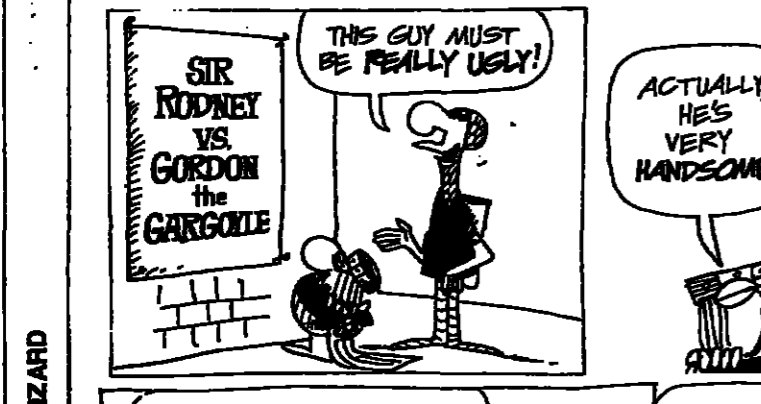
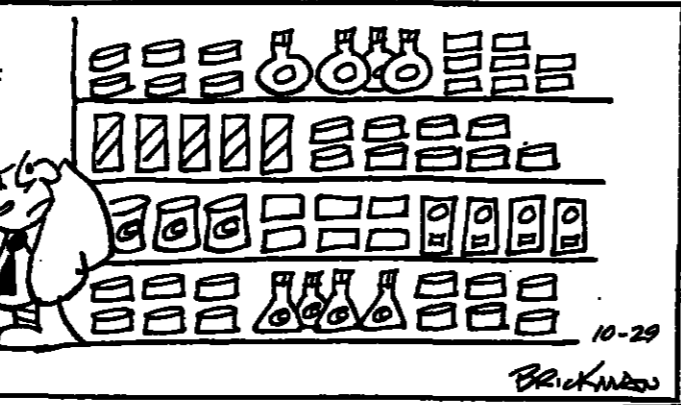
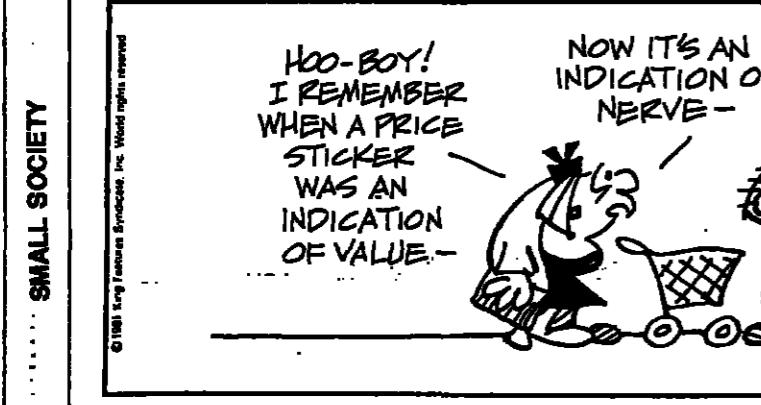
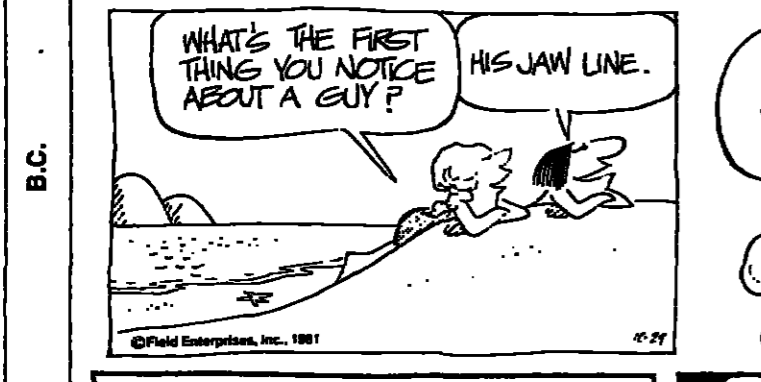
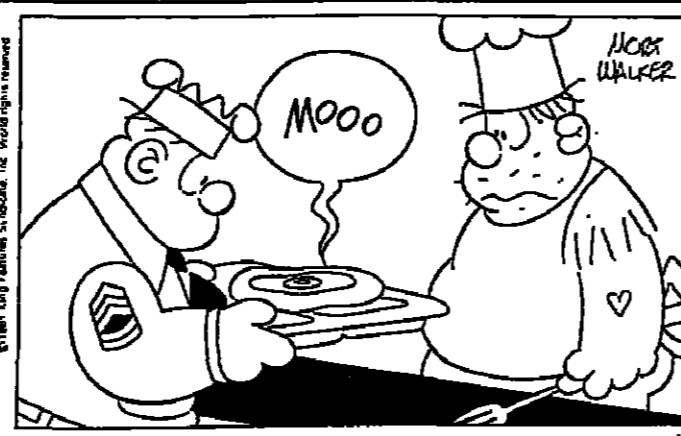
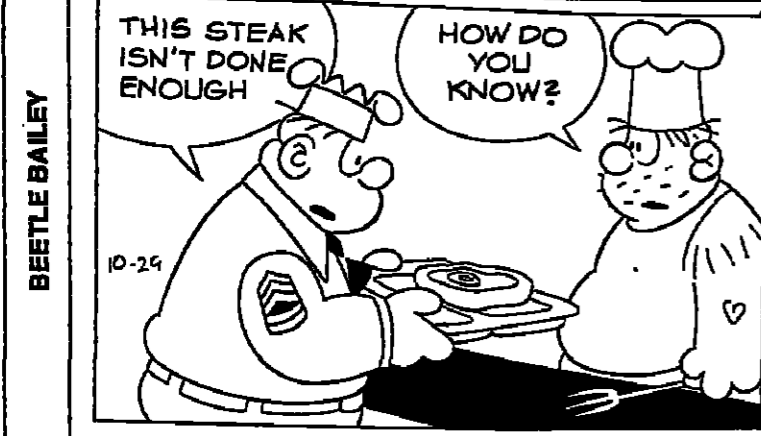
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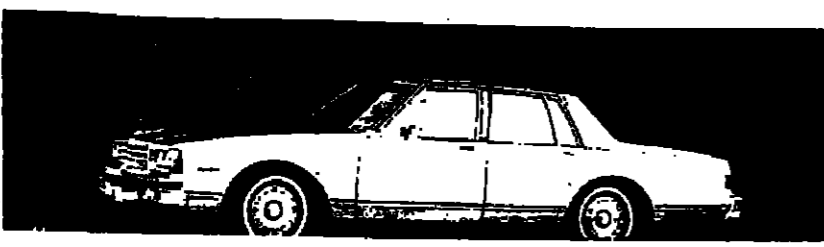
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'Zero option' seen U.S. to negotiate on N-missiles

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP) — The Reagan administration has said it will keep the door open to negotiating away all medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe when U.S.-Soviet missile talks begin Nov. 30 in Geneva.

But Dean Fischer, the State Department spokesman, said Tuesday the withdrawal of existing Soviet SS-20 missiles from Europe would not be sufficient to prevent NATO from carrying out its plan to deploy U.S. missiles beginning in late 1983.

"Given the mobility and long range of Soviet missile systems, such as multiple-warhead SS-20s, the mere withdrawal of these systems from Europe will not significantly decrease the threat that they pose to the West," he said.

"They ought to be removed and or dismantled and destroyed," Fischer said, adding that was his interpretation. Fischer gave qualified approval to a statement by Romanian President Nicolai Ceausescu in an interview

Monday that both the Soviet Union and the United States should remove nuclear weapons from Europe.

Fischer said he "welcomes this apparent acknowledgement of the grave threat posed to Europe by Soviet missiles..." The U.S. position has been that NATO needs to deploy U.S. missiles to meet the threat posed by Soviet missiles, many of which are already in place in Eastern Europe.

The United States and the Soviet Union agreed earlier this month to begin negotiations aimed at restraining deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles, also known as theater nuclear forces (TNF), in Europe.

Removal of missiles of both sides is known as the "zero option." Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said previously that he wouldn't rule out such a possibility under "ideal conditions," and Fischer restated that position more clearly Tuesday.

"We do not rule out the possibility that under ideal conditions U.S.-Soviet TNF negotiations could lead to a zero outcome

under which there would be no TNF missiles deployed by either the United States or the USSR," Fischer said. "This is fully consistent with our objective of seeking equal and verifiable limitations at the lowest level."

He said such a position would involve "the closest consultations with our allies." But a State Department official, who did not want to be identified, said later "we are not pinning great hopes on that (the zero option) being successfully negotiated."

Fischer also said he thinks it would be "very incorrect" to characterize the anti-nuclear demonstrations in Europe in recent weeks as being anti-American. "The main themes," he said, are peace and arms control.

Asked if the demonstrations could pressure European governments into changing their decisions to locate U.S. missiles on their soil, Fischer said, "we feel that the governments in Western Europe are fully committed to the implementation of the 1979 NATO TNF decision."

As troops stand by Solidarity halts Poland

WARSAW, Oct. 28 (R) — Factory sirens blared from the Baltic ports to the Silesian coal mines when millions of workers went on a token one-hour strike Wednesday in defiance of Poland's Communist rulers. The strike, which began at noon, was the second biggest nationwide protest by the Solidarity free trade union since its creation 14 months ago.

Solidarity ordered its 9.5 million members to strike as a show of strength only 10 days after army chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski became Communist Party leader with a mandate for tough action. A statement issued by the government Monday said the strike was unjustified and that it endangered the "political, economic and defensive foundations of Poland's existence."

Troops, deployed throughout the country to help with the supply situation, took up positions at radio and television stations during the strike while Polish air space was closed.

But there were no reports of incidents and work returned to normal shortly before the Communist Party central committee met in Washington to discuss the situation.

Strike objectives were to protest a police crackdown, worsening daily shortages and the Communist Party's refusal to surrender some control of the economy to a non-party social council.

The Communist authorities launched a propaganda blitz before the strike to persuade workers to boycott it, and official commentators predicted that not everyone would take part. But as reports came in from the provinces, it appeared that participation was high.

The official news agency PAP said most major industrial plants were immobilized and that buses, trams and local trains came to a halt in big cities. In the textile city of Lodz, one bus driver broke the strike but no passengers rode on his vehicle, according to a radio reporter.

Strikes were prolonged in several areas, lasting four hours in the region of Konin and an additional hour in a glass factory in Piotrkow Trybunalski where management refused to let the union use the internal public address system, Solidarity said.

Coal miners also began an indefinite stoppage at a major colliery in Sosnowiec, central Silesia, in protest against an incident in which gas capsules were thrown Tuesday into a crowd of some 70 persons, 55 of whom remained in hospital.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who was strongly criticized in the Communist press Wednesday for predicting that Solidarity was heading for a final showdown with the authorities, toured a Warsaw electric bulb factory during the strike and said he hoped it would be the last of its kind. "We must find other methods of protest which are more effective," he said.

Walesa said the union should henceforth stage so-called active strikes in which work-

ers would distribute or sell their produce by themselves. He said he was confident Solidarity would eventually reach a long-term agreement with Poland's Communist leaders.

The outspoken news bulletin of Warsaw's Solidarity branch, *Niezaleznosc*, said it hoped the strike would serve as a warning to the authorities. It said more than 220 union activists had been indicted for alleged anti-Soviet or anti-state offenses.

Solidarity said a group of British technicians installing computer equipment in a machine tool plant in the southern city of Krosno joined in the one-hour strike. Mining officials in Silesia said coal miners struck in the early morning at the change of shifts to avoid breaking the work day below ground.

PAP said troops, operating mainly in rural areas, were welcomed by local inhabitants. The agency said the soldiers, including those whose military service has been extended by two months, had assumed "patronage" over more than 2,000 towns and villages in the biggest peacetime army operation in Poland in living memory.

The Polish army daily *Zolnierz Wolnosci* drew direct parallels between events in Poland Wednesday and those which led to Soviet military intervention in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968. The headline newspaper said Wednesday's national strike and the other stoppages affecting about 36 of Poland's 49 regions were political provocation and blackmail.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Complaining for the umpteenth time of his wife's cooking the irate husband might venture to compare the burnt offering he usually gets with his mum's cooking. The usual answer in these circumstances is, OK, go and live with your mother, then, and spare me all the whining.

The sad thing here is that you can see that each side has its point. The man remembers better eating days because they were better, and the woman resents the man's complaints because the fault is not really hers but the result of the changes in the way we live.

Women, schooled in the old ways thought nothing of spending the whole pounding and kneading in the kitchen to prepare one meal — nothing was too much trouble so long as the result was just right. (Or, to be fair, we don't know what they actually thought on the matter, we only know that they did it.) Like it or not, cooking was an art which had to be learnt and elaborated through experience.

Nowadays, the story has moved on. Women no longer think they were placed on earth simply to tillivate the palates of their lords and masters (indeed they might turn and say coldly, "what lords and masters?", and that's only if you're lucky. For there are others who might just stare you in the eye and say "would you like to repeat that outside?")

The new generation of women therefore cook, when they have to, merely as a duty. Which means that rather than grow slowly into the art as their mothers did, they simply take the nearest recipe book to hand and measure and weigh and mix the right amounts and then put it on the fire and hope for the best.

All this theorizing came to me as I sat listening to a conversation between a young woman and her mother — a conversation in which the difference in approach was all too evident.

The daughter wanted to make a certain kind of cake. "How much flour do I use?" she asked. The answer was, of course, "Just enough and no more, dear." "I meant, how many cups of flour?" "Cups? Why use cups. Just a few handfuls like I always do." "OK, OK how many eggs?" "Enough for the flour." "But how much is enough?" "How could I know. I haven't seen how much flour you're using."

The daughter then gets sarcastic. "And I suppose I'm to mix it all up with the right amount of sugar and put it on just the right heat for a reasonable period of time. Thank you very much for telling how to do the blessed cake." "Not at all," says the old lady, quite unabashed. "I'm sure it'll turn out very nice..."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awaj

Super Soviet space weapon denied

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28 (AP) — The Pentagon has denied a published report that Russia is operating an improved space weapon capable of destroying multiple U.S. satellites.

"Based on the information we have on Soviet space and anti-satellite programs, we can not conclude that they have the systems described in the *Aviation Week* article," the Pentagon said Tuesday in response to questions about a story in the magazine's Oct. 26 edition.

The story, which cited no sources, said "the Soviet Union is operating in low earth orbit an anti-satellite battle station equipped with clusters of infrared-homing guided interceptors that could destroy multiple U.S. spacecraft." The article said these

interceptors "provide a new U.S.S.R. capability for sneak attacks on U.S. satellites."

In a recent detailed report on Soviet military strength and developments, the Pentagon referred to a previously announced Soviet achievement of a "non-nuclear low altitude orbital interceptor" which it said "poses a known, if presently limited, threat to some U.S. satellites."

This was a reference to a Soviet anti-satellite system first publicly acknowledged by former Defense Secretary Harold Brown in October, 1977. U.S. military scientists have privately described this Soviet weapon as "not very impressive."

The Pentagon report on Soviet military strength, issued in September, said "it is

anticipated the Soviets will continue work in this area with a goal of negating any satellites in high orbit, as well as developing more effective kill mechanisms, perhaps using a laser or some other type of directed energy weapons."

Some of America's most important spy satellites operate in relatively low orbits. But satellites watching for Soviet missile launchings are in position more than 22,000 miles in space and are currently considered invulnerable to any Soviet counteraction.

The United States also is working on an anti-satellite weapon, but Gen. David Jones, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, told Congress in February that this country "is currently behind the Soviet Union" in this competition.

Russian sub stranded off Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 28 (R) — A Soviet submarine has been found stranded and leaking oil near the Swedish naval base at Karlskrona, a Swedish defense staff spokeswoman said Wednesday. She identified the craft as a conventional submarine of the "whisky" class which does not carry nuclear weapons.

The vessel was found in a channel of the Karlskrona archipelago off the south Swedish coast, the spokeswoman said. The submarine, which was damaged and leaking oil, was above water. It was not immediately clear if there were any casualties among the crew, the spokeswoman said. The Foreign Ministry called in the Soviet ambassador who was told the Swedish Navy would give any help necessary, a ministry spokesman said.

The defense spokeswoman has unable to say exactly how far the stranded vessel was inside Swedish waters. A coast guard spokesman said the submarine was spotted by a Swedish fishing boat early Wednesday morning.

Man executed in Londonderry London tightens security

LONDON, Oct. 28 (Agencies) — London police have mounted a big security operation to protect shoppers and workers from a fresh bombing campaign by Irish guerrillas fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Police said extra officers had been drafted into the capital after three bomb attacks in three weeks and a warning by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) that it intends to wage economic war against Britain by disrupting pre-seasonal trade. Their efforts Tuesday were hampered by a spate of hoax bomb calls which temporarily closed two railway and some underground stations.

Police took no chances as the false calls came in, cordoning off roads and evacuating shops and offices. A police explosives expert was killed Monday when he attempted to defuse a five-pound (2.2 kilo) device in an Oxford Street shop. A second bomb was defused in a neighboring department store.

The IRA, which warned about the bombs in a telephone call to Reuters, said a third device had been planted in another department store but no trace has been found despite an intensive search Tuesday.

Oxford Street, London's top shopping thoroughfare, was closed for 23 hours and its shopkeepers estimated the shutdown had cost them about five million sterling (\$9 million) in lost trade.

As the hunt continued for the bombers police chief David Powis warned Londoners the IRA could strike again and said women and children were among those endangered. He was supported by Home Secretary (interior minister) William Whitelaw who urged people to be vigilant.

The body of a man who had been shot twice in the head was found on a garbage dump on

the outskirts of Londonderry Wednesday, police reported.

Police sources said the slaying had "all the hallmarks" of an execution by the outlawed Irish Republican Army's "Provision" wing. Police said none of Northern Ireland's extremist organizations have claimed responsibility for the killing. The IRA has acknowledged executing four men this year it claimed betrayed it to security forces.

Police did not immediately identify the victim, but official sources said he was believed to have come from Strabane, a predominantly Roman Catholic town on the border with the Irish Republic.

The slaying raised the known death toll from more than 12 years of sectarian and political bloodletting to at least 2,154. So far this year 84 persons have been killed.

Police earlier reported an abortive assassination bid against a senior British Army officer in Belfast. The officer was not identified for security reasons, but police said a booby-trap bomb was found in his car parked outside his home in Belfast's fashionable Malone Road district.

The bomb was defused by military explosives experts after an all-night operation. No group has claimed responsibility for the attempted bombing. But both the Provisional IRA and its Marxist offshoot, the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), have killed security force members with booby-trap bombs in cars.

In political developments, official British sources said that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the Republic's premier, Garret Fitzgerald were expected to reaffirm the need for good London-Dublin relations to achieve a settlement in Northern Ireland.

The two prime ministers were scheduled to hold a summit meeting in London next month. The exact date was not disclosed for security reasons.

Saleh ends Moscow talks

MOSCOW, Oct. 28 (AP) — North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh left Moscow for Algiers Wednesday following a three-day visit and talks Tuesday with Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Saleh was accompanied to the airport by President Brezhnev, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, Defense Minister Dmitry Ustinov and other Soviet officials.

At a Kremlin dinner Tuesday night, Saleh praised the "principled, sincere and determined position of the Soviet Union in support of the just struggle being waged by Arab peoples against Israeli aggression," according to Soviet press reports. He also said North Yemen's policy is neutrality and non-alignment.

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a freer hand in using the U.S. aid it receives. Even without the (AWACS) package, Saudi Arabia would remain by far the largest U.S. arms customer.

Previous sales to the Kingdom have totaled \$34 billion since 1973, or 36 percent of all U.S. military sales abroad.

The current package is the most controversial such deal. Opposition from Israel and its supporters, focussed on the sophisticated AWACS, with which a nation can spot attacking planes 250 or 300 miles away and coordinate its own air forces.

The five planes, costing a total of \$5.8 billion with related gear, will be delivered late 1985.

AWACS is a standard Boeing 707 airliner, converted by the addition of advanced electronic inside the plane and a mushroom-shaped radar dish sitting on its back.

Twenty-four such planes are now in service. 14 of them stationed in the United States, four in Saudi Arabia, two in Egypt, two in Iceland and two in Okinawa. The six planes in the Middle East are on temporary duty in the Middle East.

In addition, 18 AWACS have been promised to members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the first is already in Europe undergoing final installation of electronic gear.

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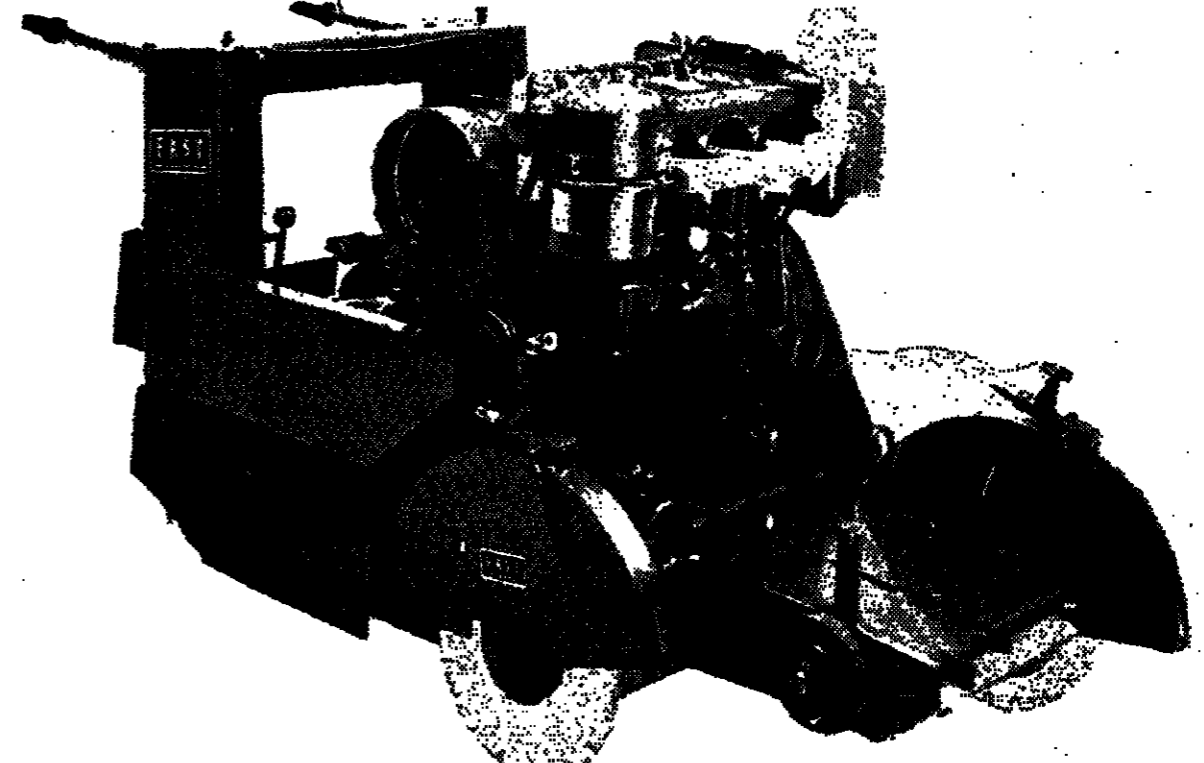
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